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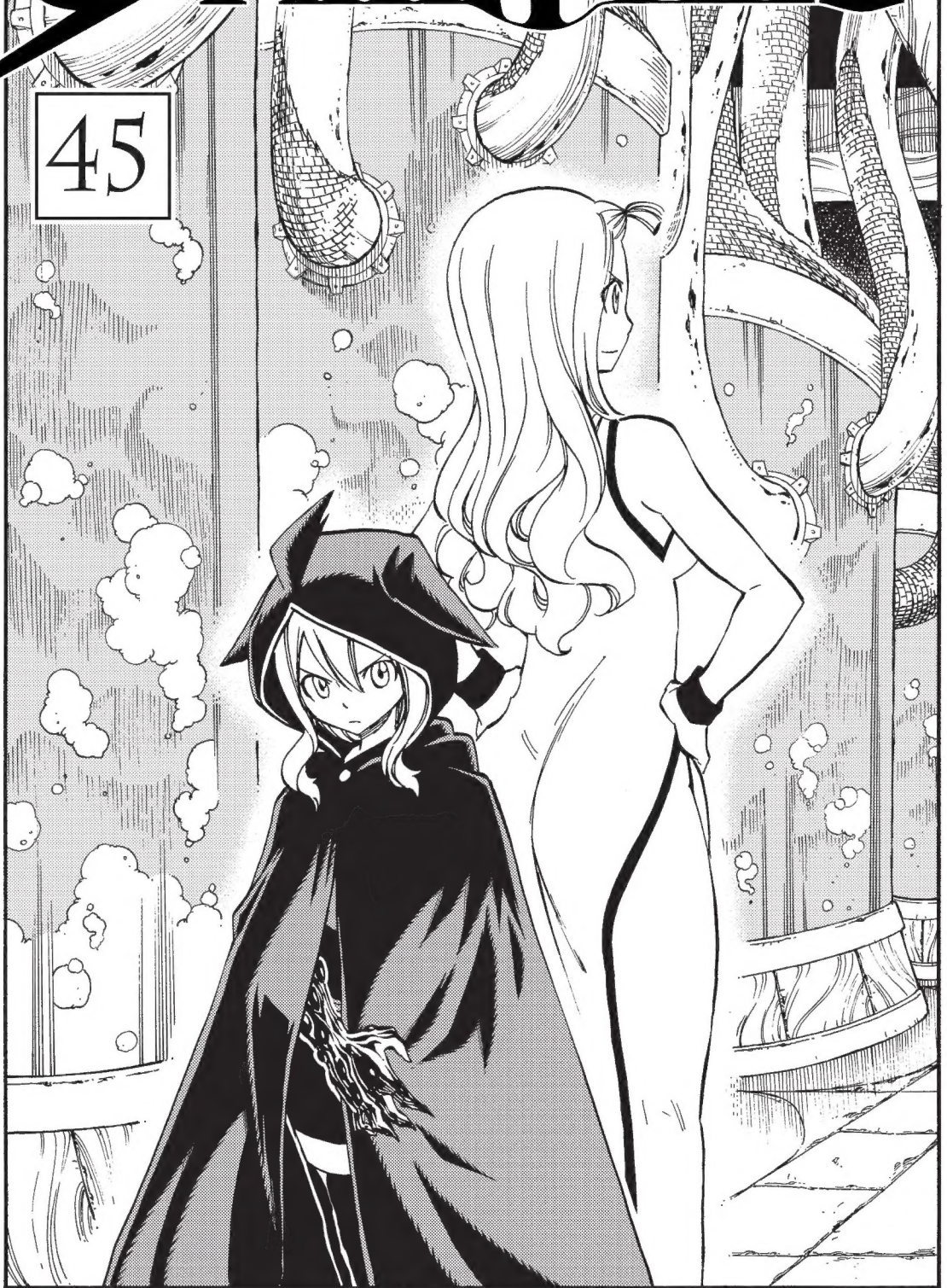
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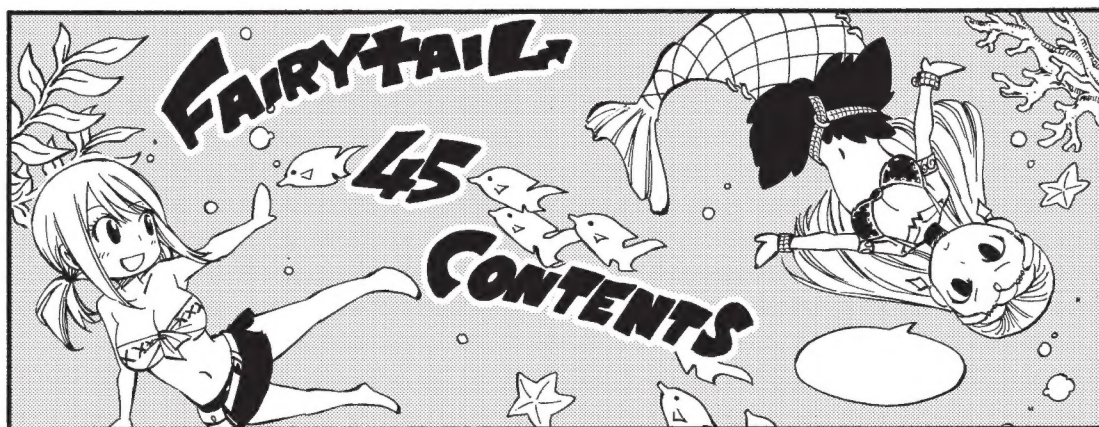
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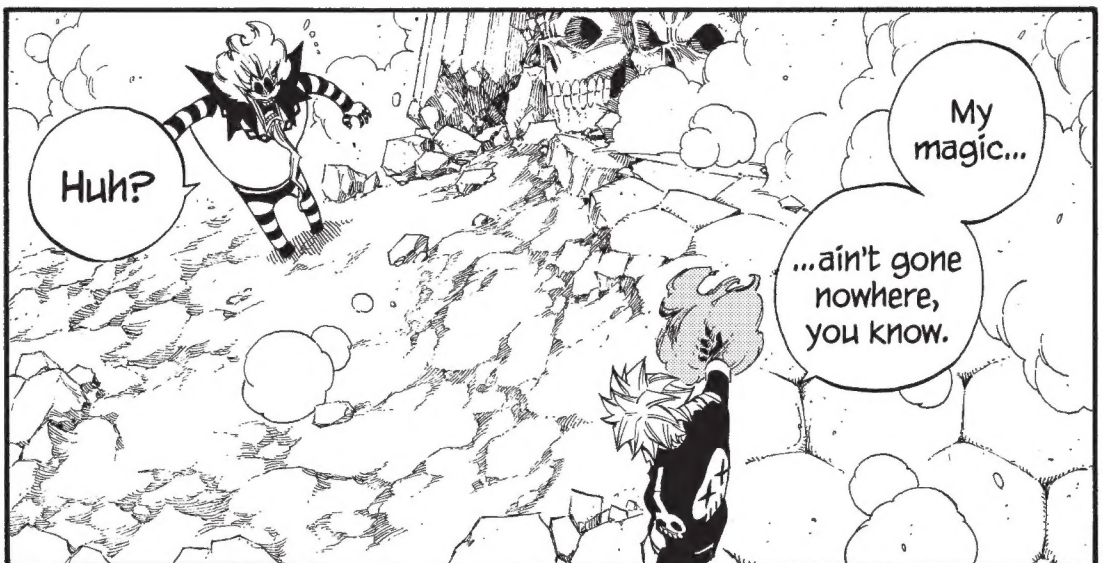
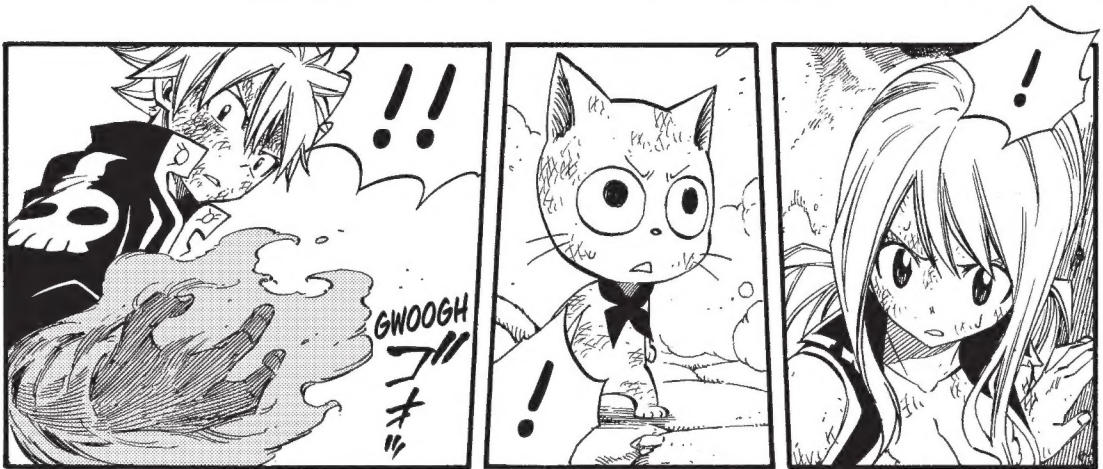
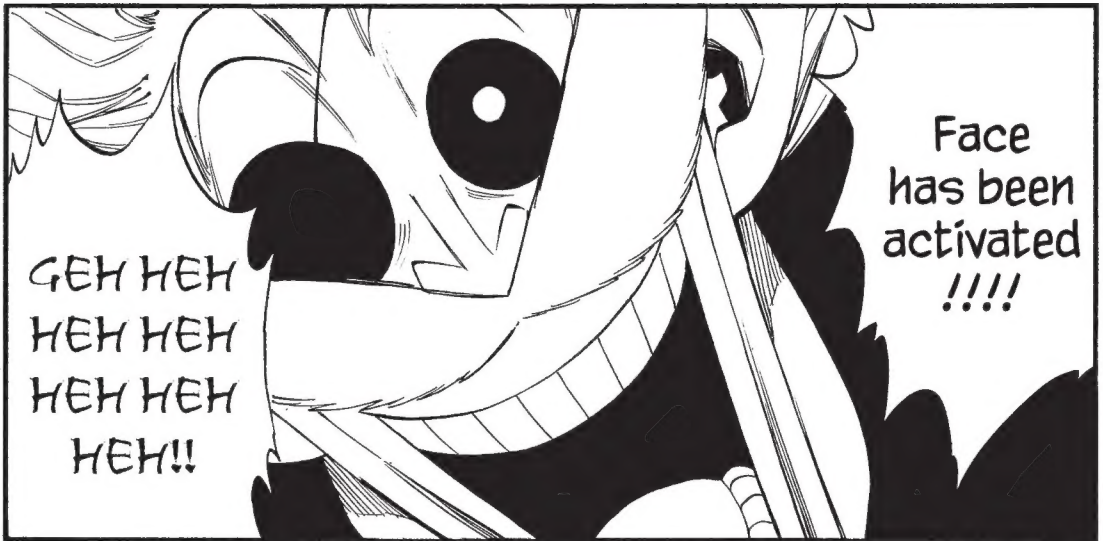
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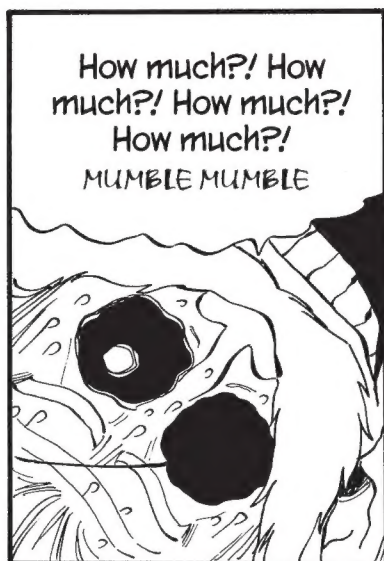
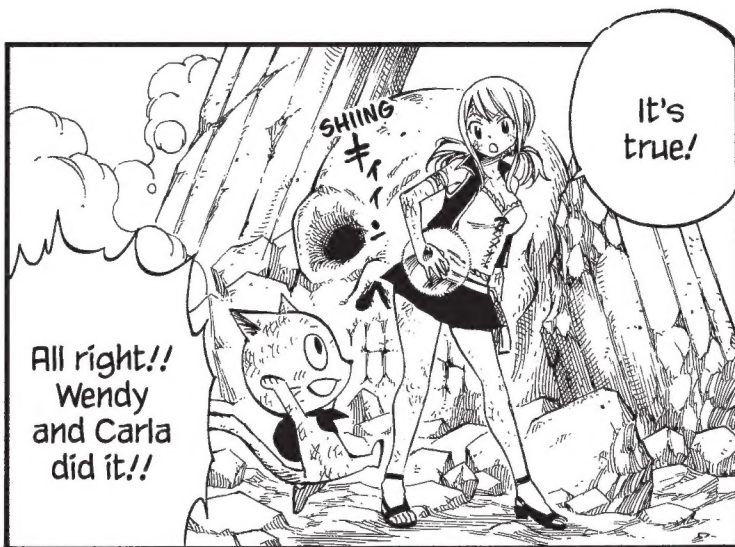
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Chapter 379: Tartaros Arc, Part 3: Underworld King









It will cost
you a hundred
thousand of
your souls!!!



Then
yours!!
EYAAAHH!!

Gimme
your
souls!!

First I'll
take your
soul!!



But how...
when he can
suck up
spirits and
magic?

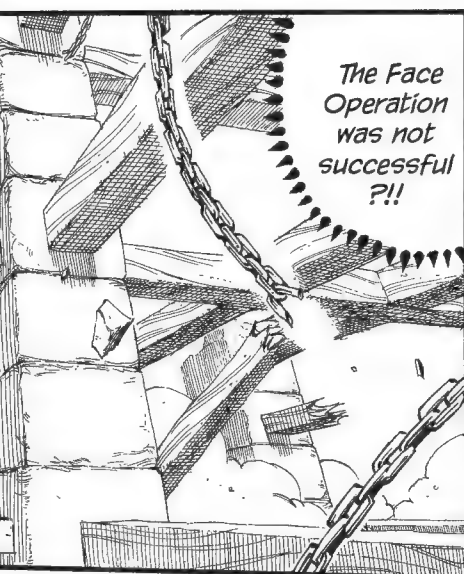


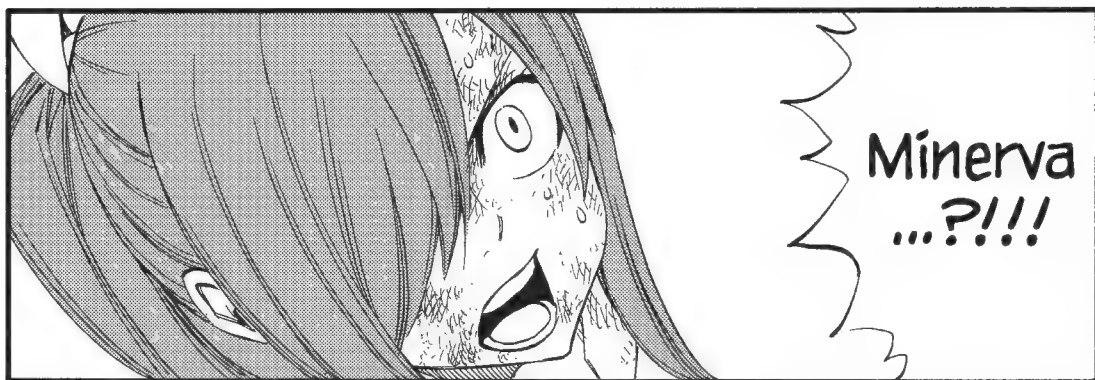
We
gotta get
him...



This
guy...



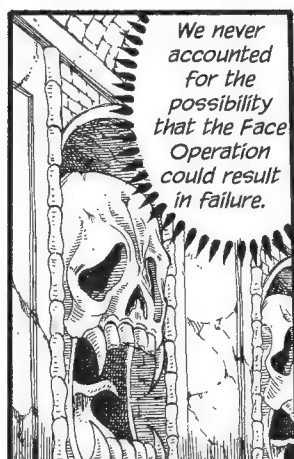




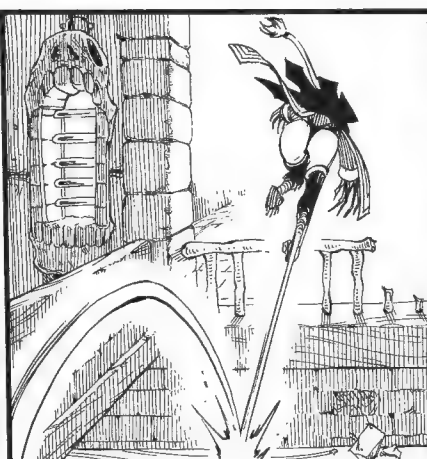


I have been reborn as a demon. You will now have the privilege of witnessing my new power!!

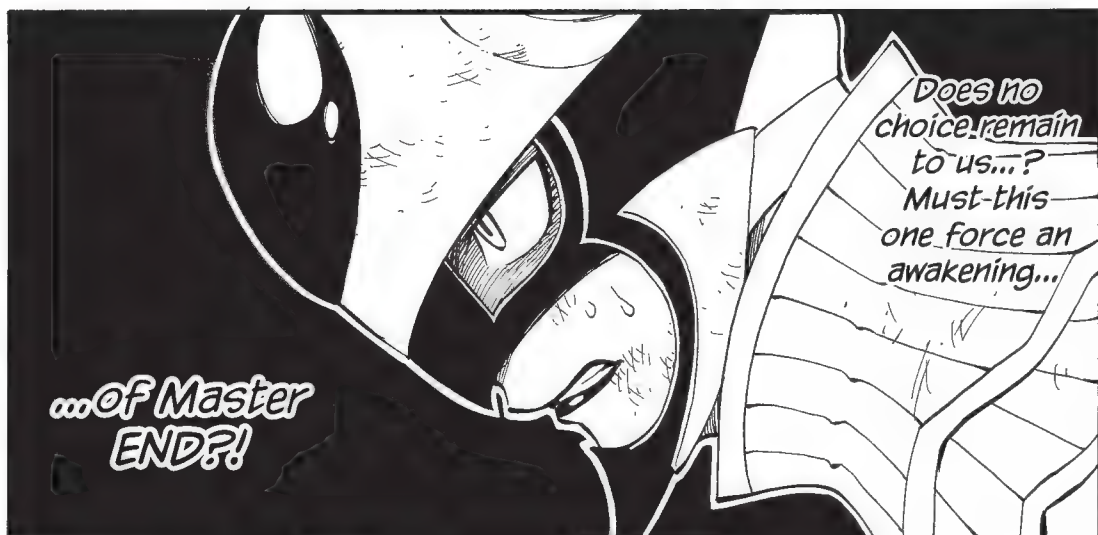
My name is Neo-Minerva.



We never accounted for the possibility that the Face Operation could result in failure.



What... have you done...?!



...of Master END?!

Does no choice remain to us...? Must this one force an awakening...



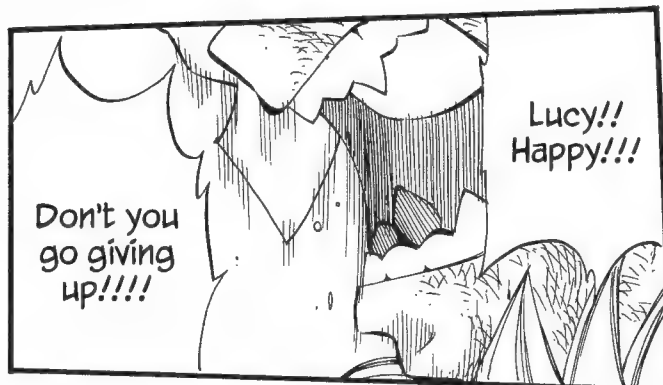




**I ain't
givin' my
soul to
you!!!!**

**It's still
right
here!!!!**

GANCH



**Don't you
go giving
up!!!!**

**Lucy!!
Happy!!!**



**You have
no choice
in the
matter.**



**Keep hold
of that
thought!!!
Your souls
are still
inside you!!!**



**Our
souls are
right inside
us!!!**



My soul
is right
here!!!!



No "fighting
spirit" theory
can break my
curse power!!



**...give my
soul away!!!!
I am not
handing
over my free
will!!!!**

**And until I
see Igneel
again...**

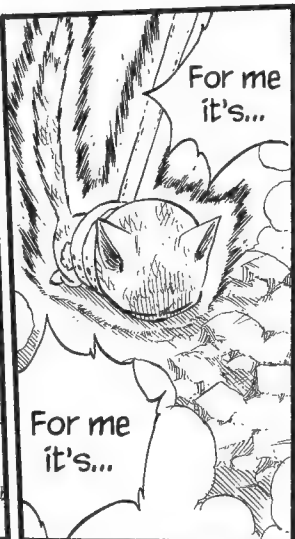
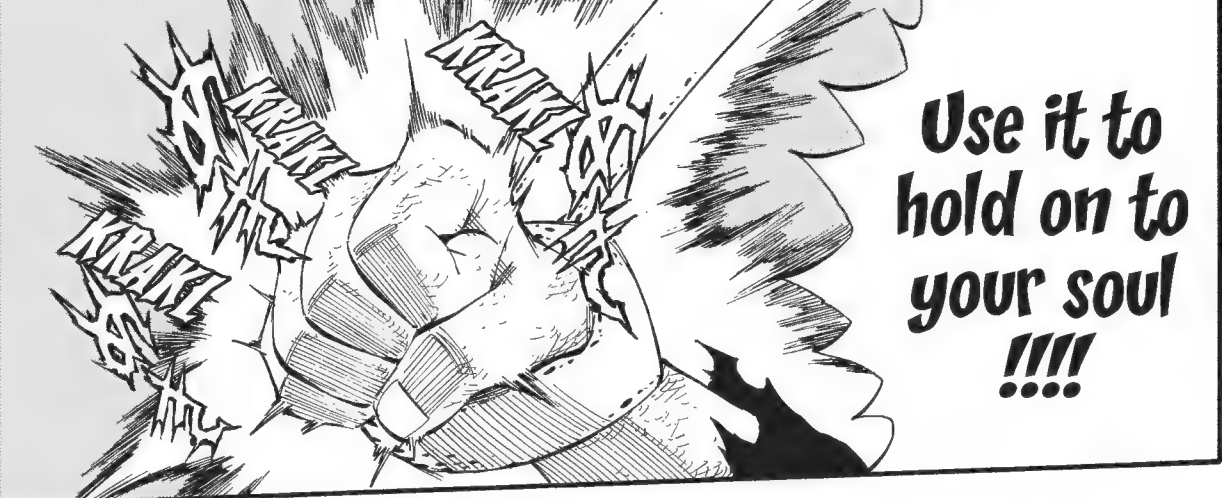
**...I will
never...**



**Focus!!!
Concentrate
on whatever
is most
precious
to you!!!!
Something
you would
never
surrender
!!!!**



I've
never seen
anybody so
stubborn...





Carla and fish
and Carla and
fish and Carla
and fish and
Carla and fish...

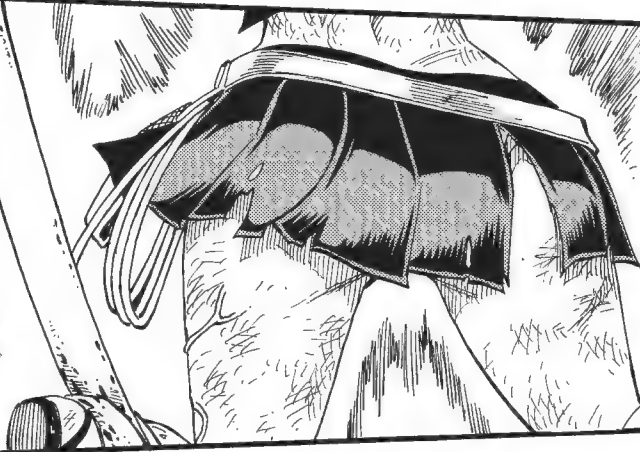
I'm
gonnaaaaa
seeee
Igneeeelll...



**The
spirits
!!!!**



...got
sucked up
by that
creep...



Taurus
and
Aries...



**TAURUS,
FORCED
CLOSURE
!!!!**



Nobody gets
away with
hurting my
spirits!!!!

...want to
send my
spirits
home!!!



I at
least...

My
spirits
will...

...be
free
!!!





Aries,
forced
closure
!!!!



He's
out!



I'm
sorry!!

Aries,
release
!!!!

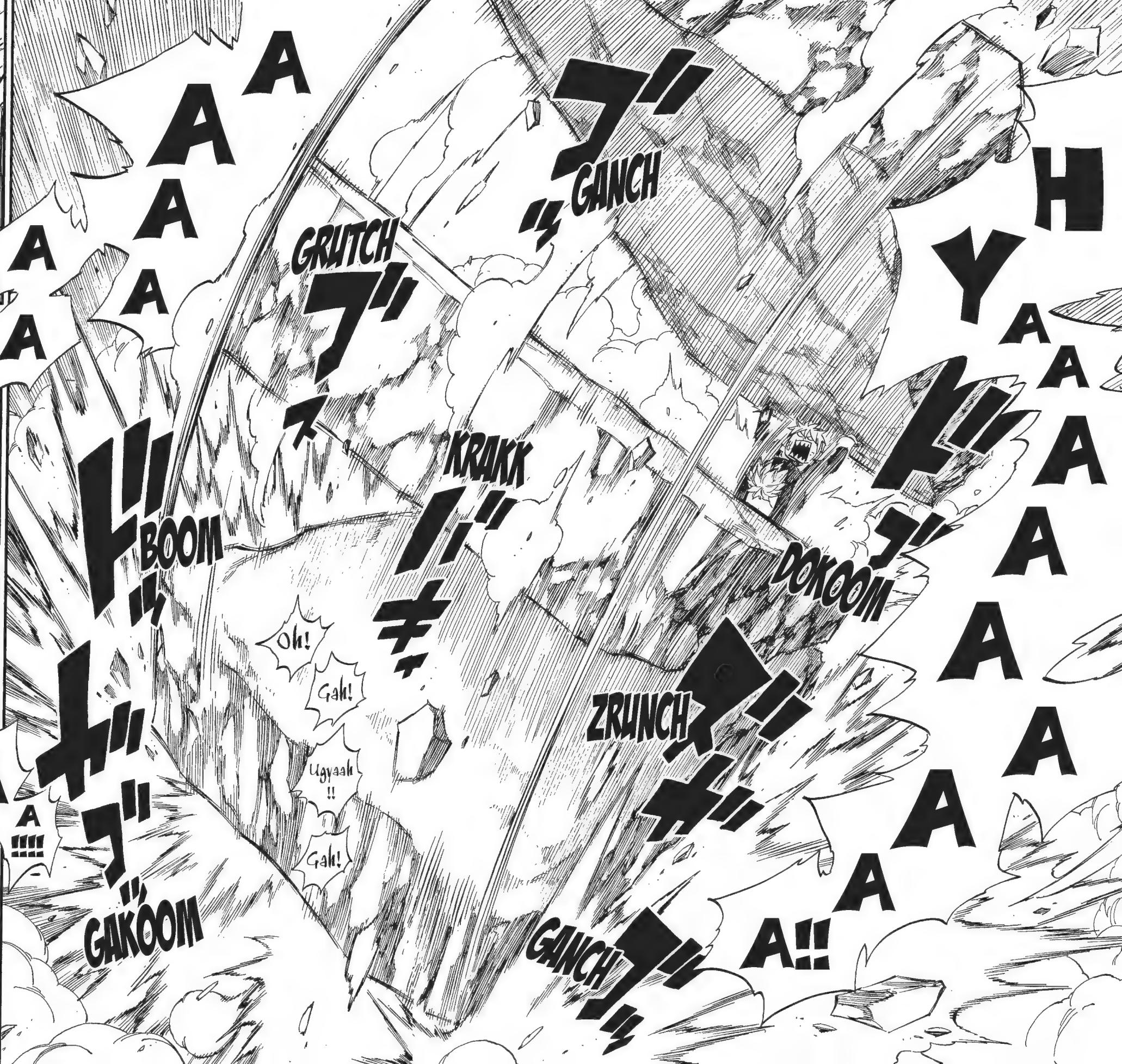


**NATSU,
FORCED
CLOSURE
!!!**









KRAKK

GANCH

KRAKOOM

GRUTCH

KRAKK

DOKOOM

ZRUNCH

GANCH

BOOM

GAKOOM

Oh!

Gaki!

Ugyaah!!

Gaki!

A

!!!!

YAH

A

A

A

A

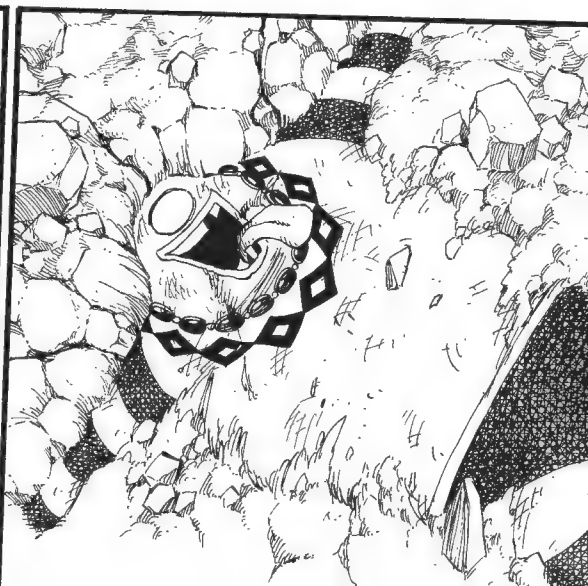
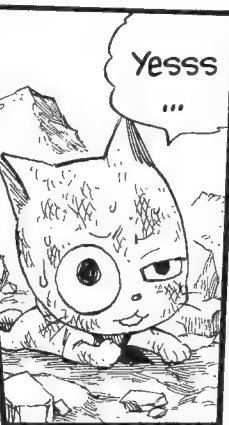
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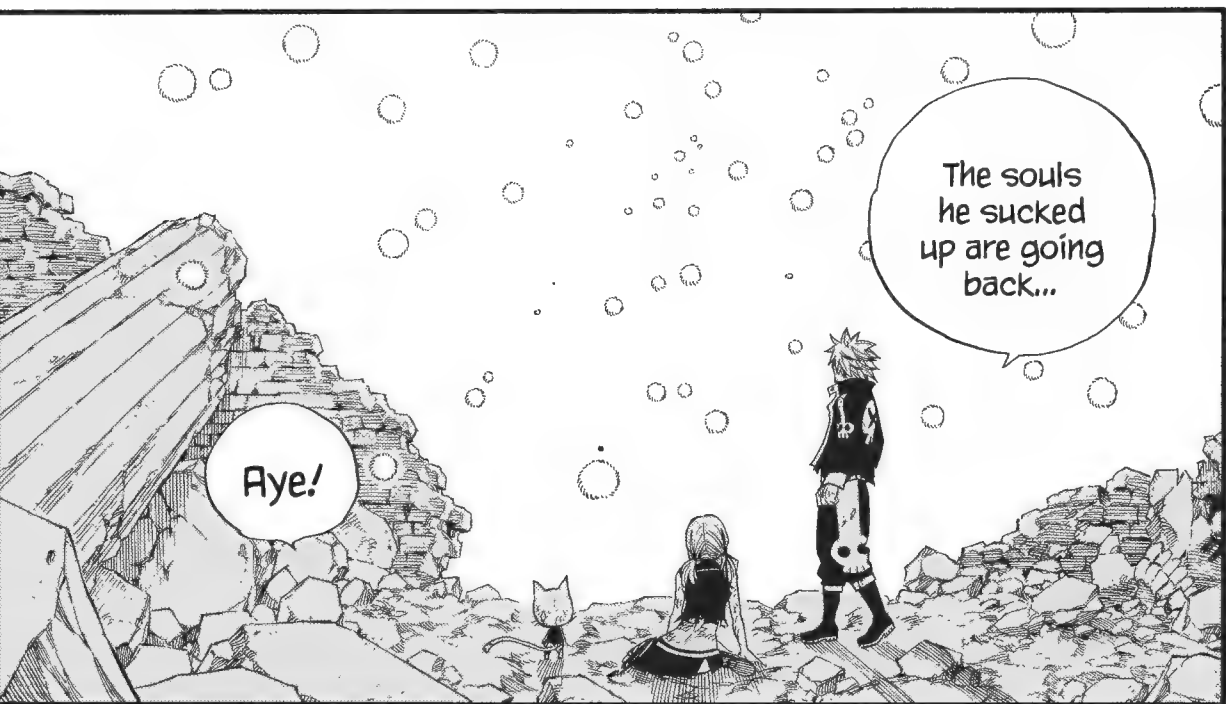
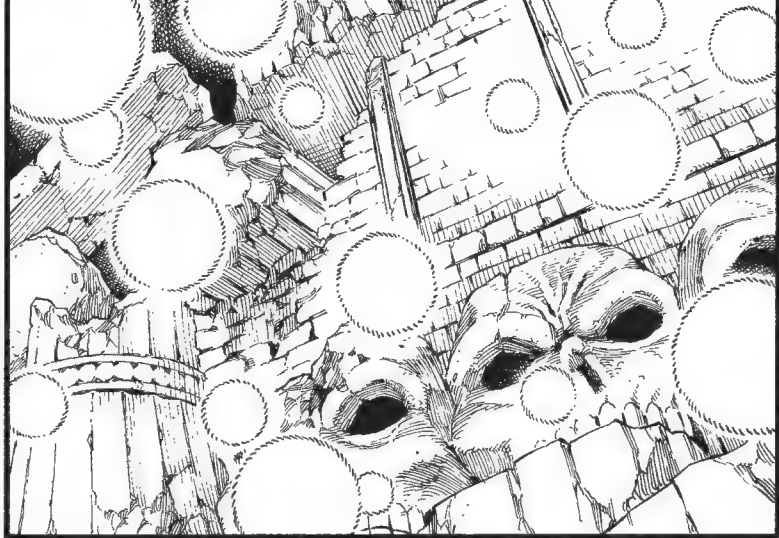
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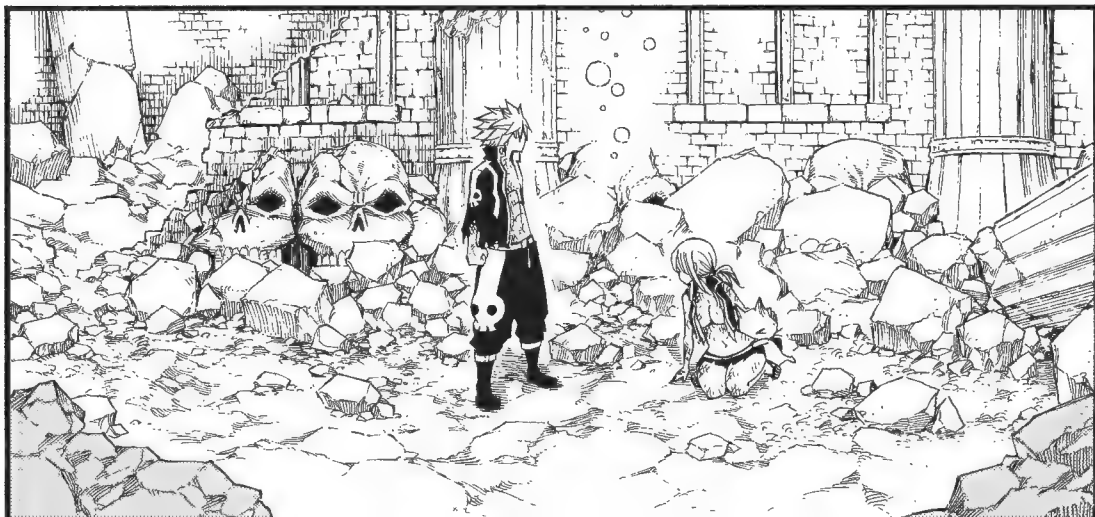
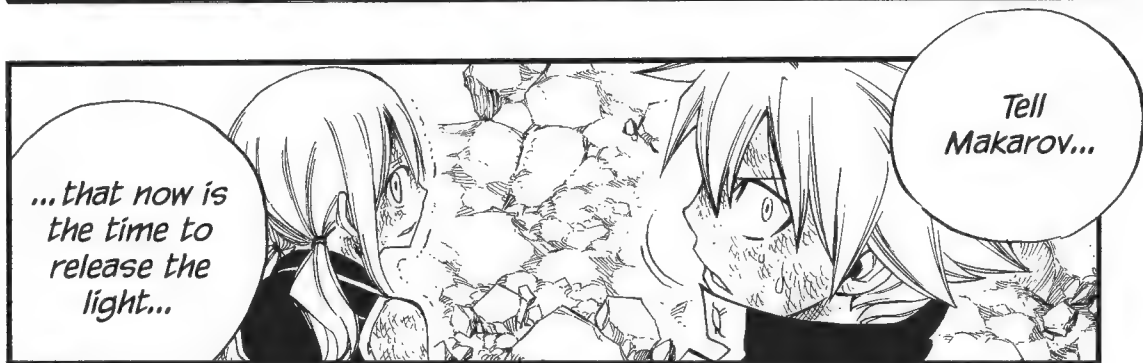
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A!!





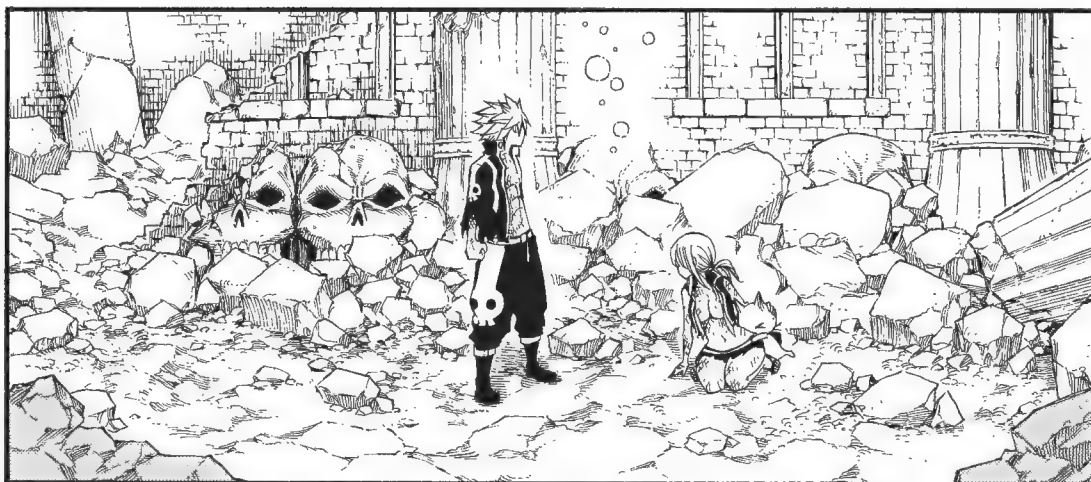


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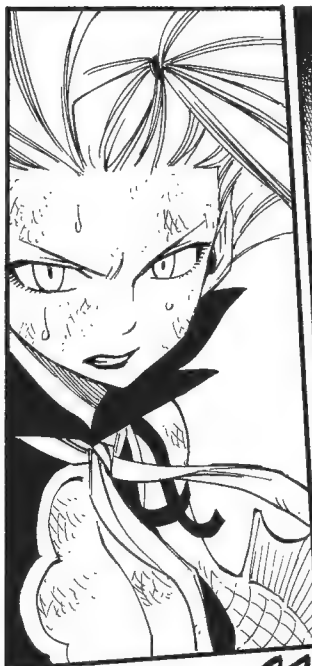
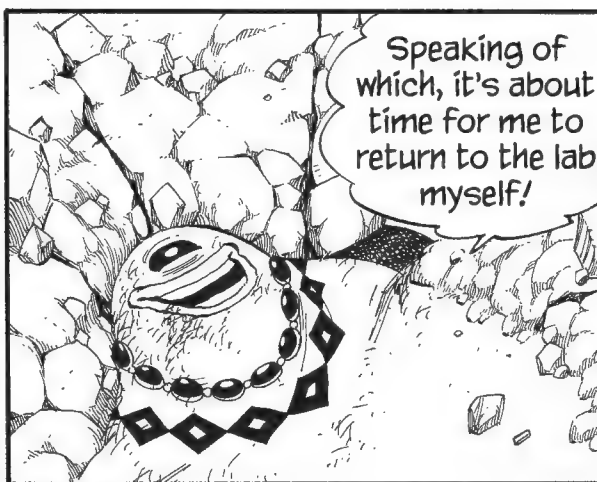
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Chapter 380: Hell's Core









It's called curse power!

Probably the magic power that controlled our brother!

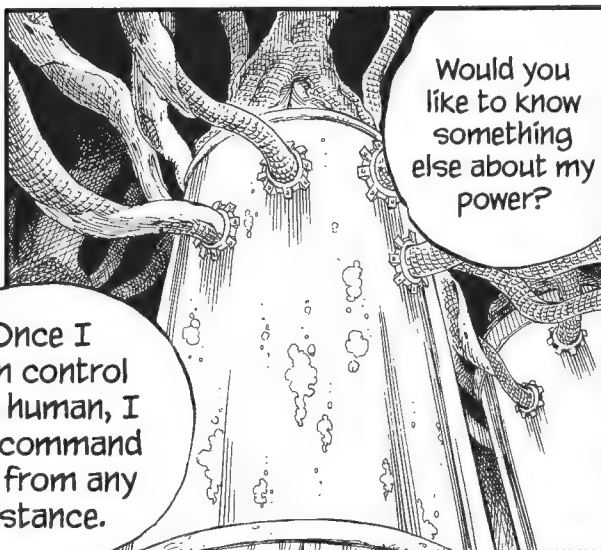


Macro?



Just what... are you?

It is difficult to believe my Macro has no effect on you.



Would you like to know something else about my power?

Once I gain control of a human, I can command him from any distance.



Yes... though you have proven resistant to my Macro, the same cannot be said for your brother.

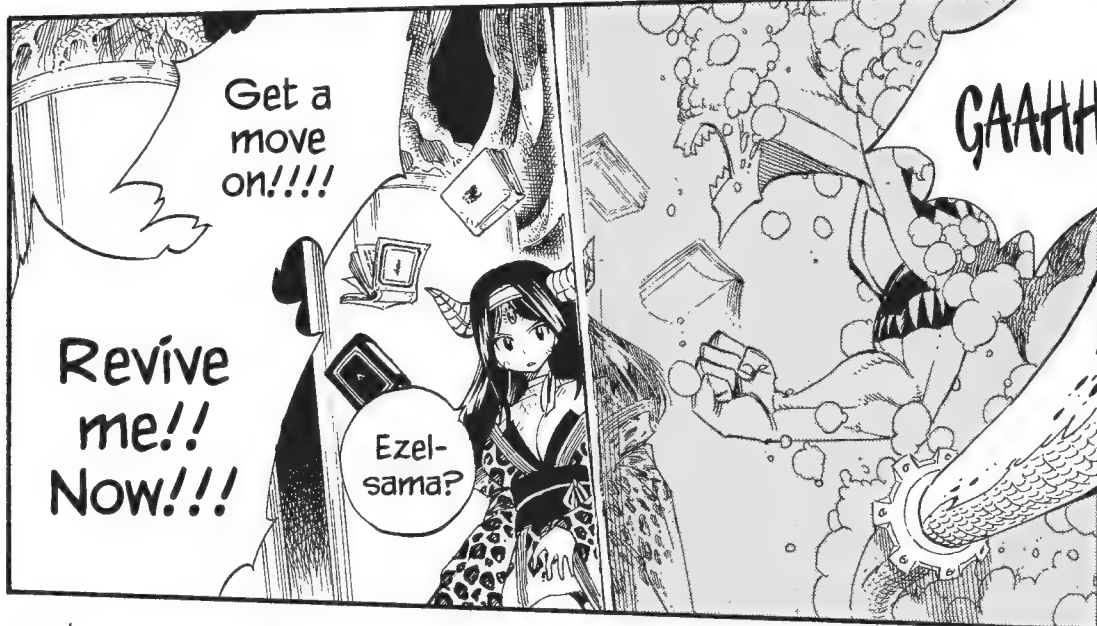
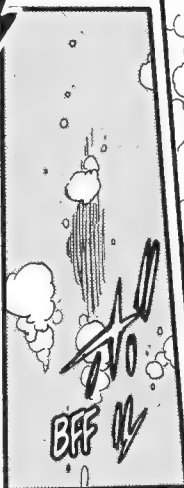


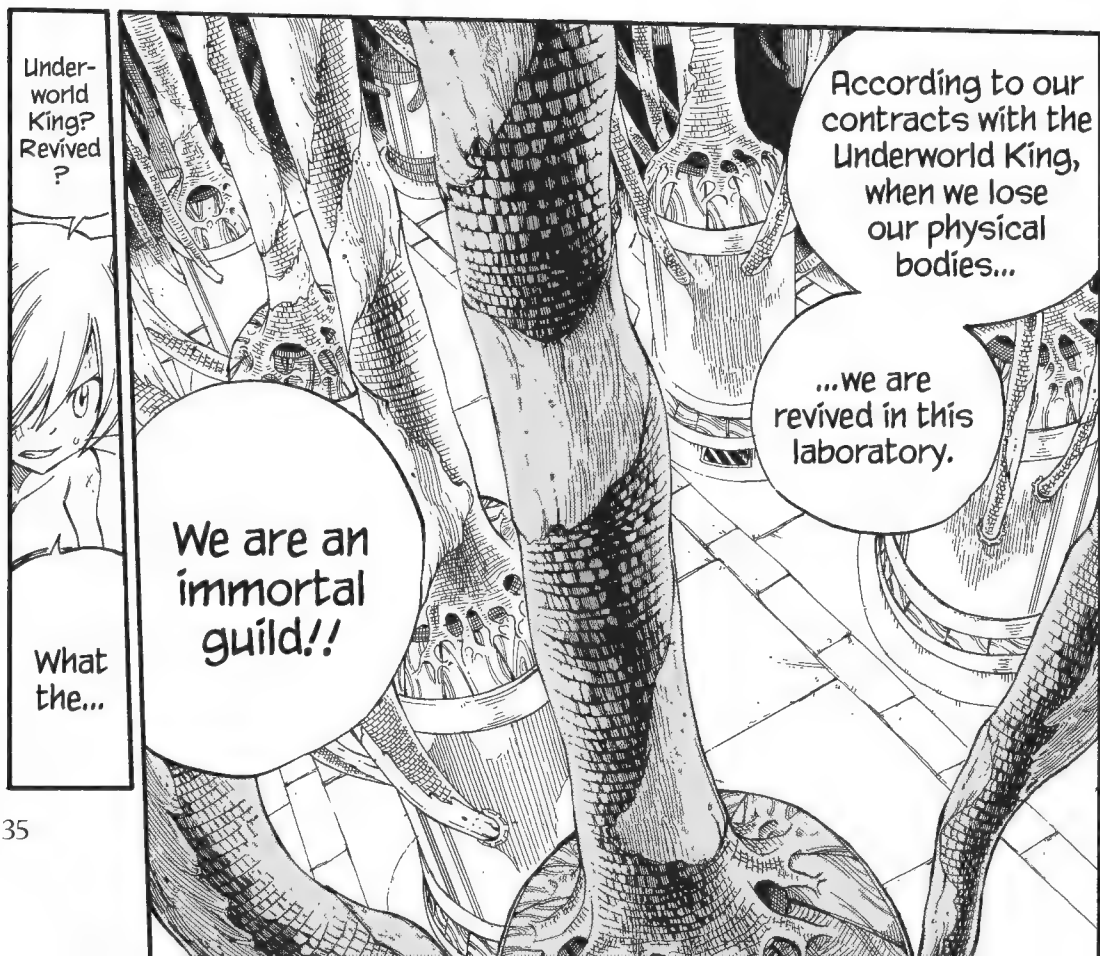
Don't do it!!

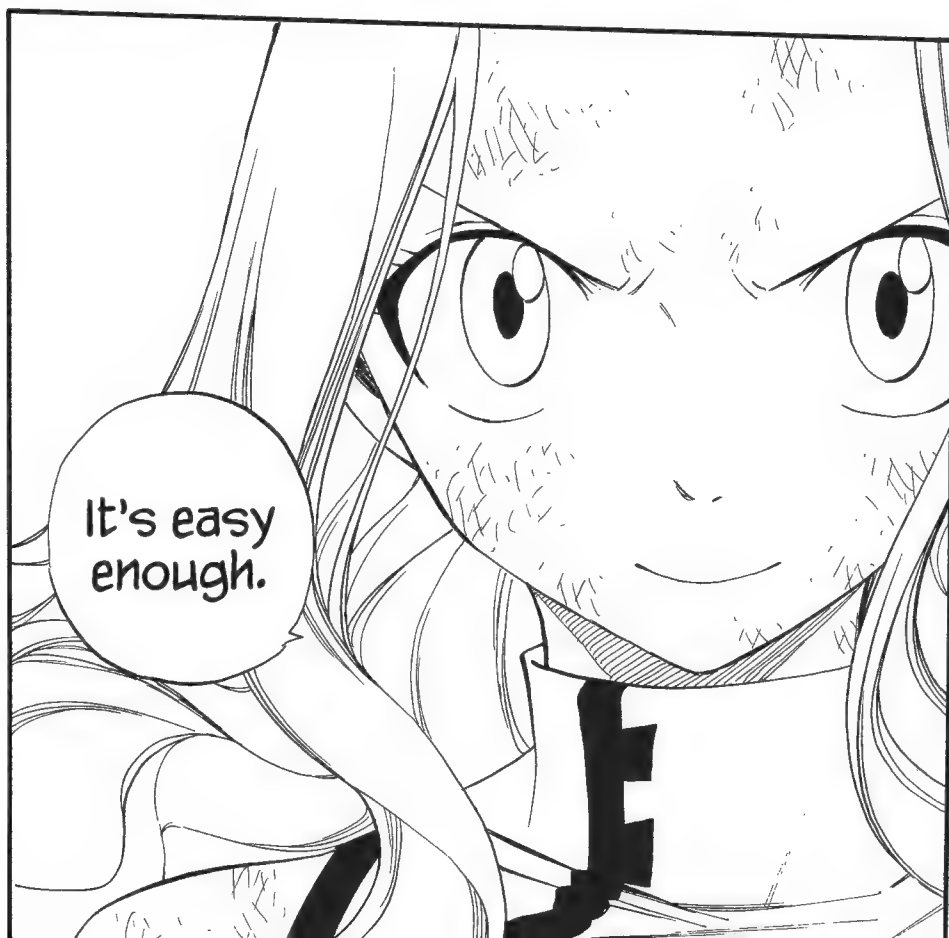
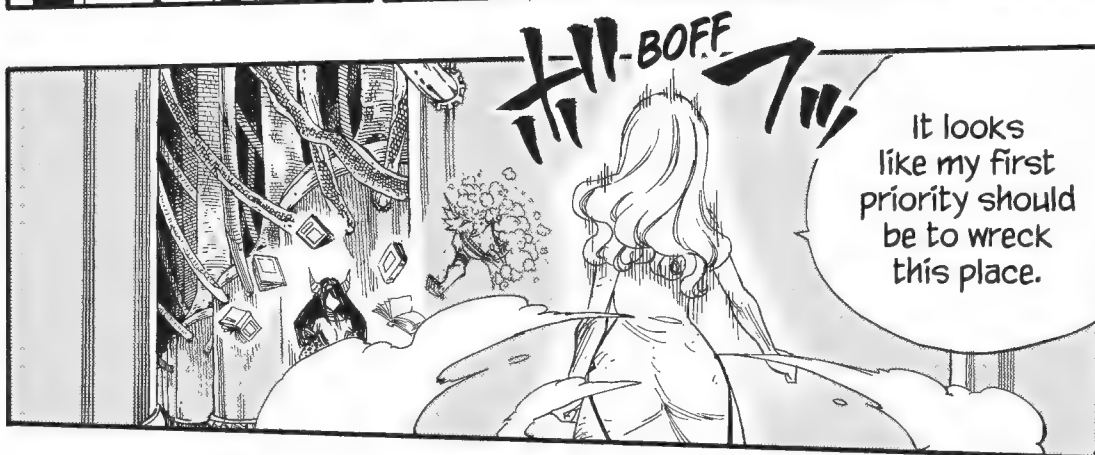
I can direct your brother to harm himself at will.



You can't mean...













What's
going on...
?!!!



Mira,
that was
amaz-
ing!!



My... My
lab...!!!



Take-
over!!



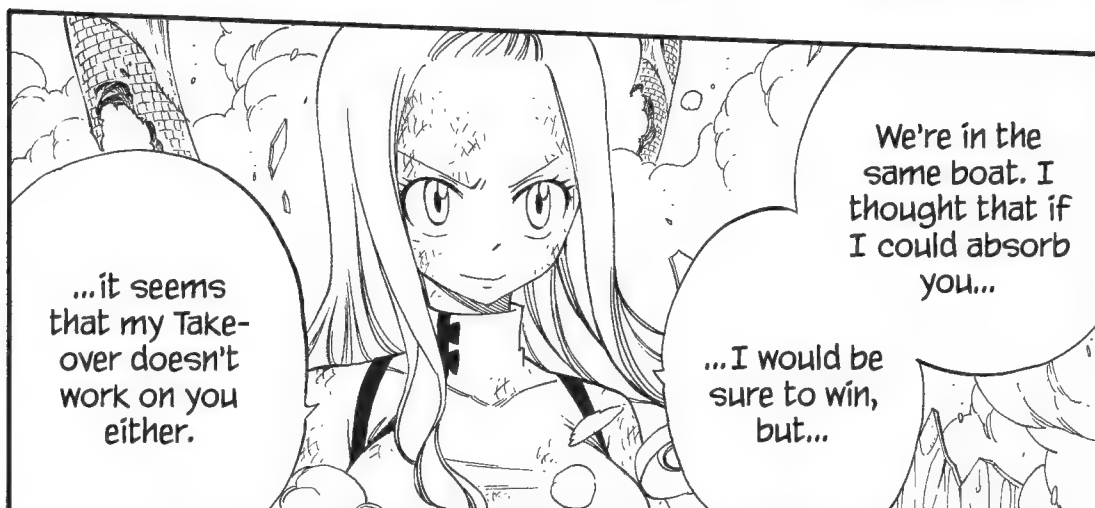
How
could you
have...





You have
the power
to absorb
demons?!!

Is that why
Macro does
not affect
you?!



...it seems
that my Take-
over doesn't
work on you
either.

We're in the
same boat. I
thought that if
I could absorb
you...

...I would be
sure to win,
but...



EEE!

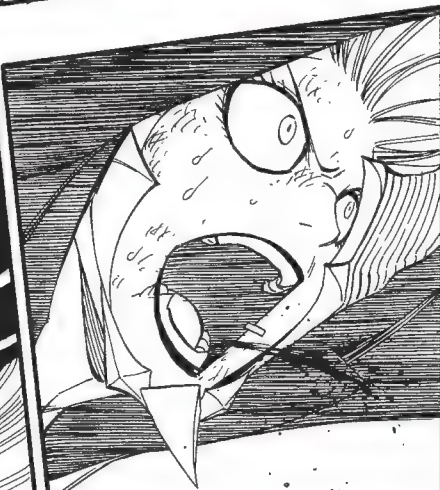
It intimates
that naught
but superior
physical power
may decide this
battle!

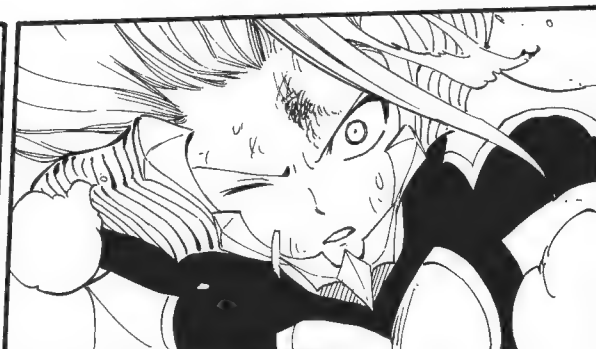
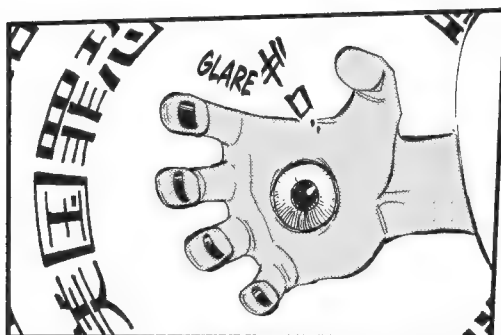


Neither
can use
their best
attacks...

That
means...

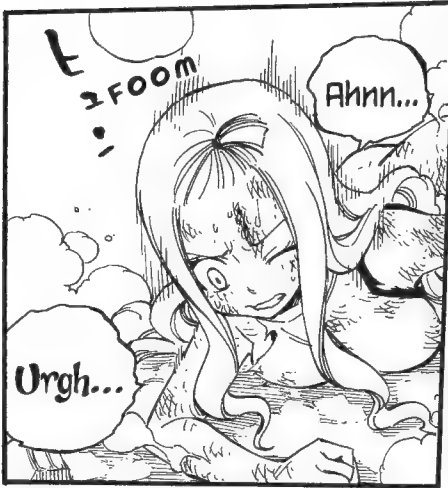


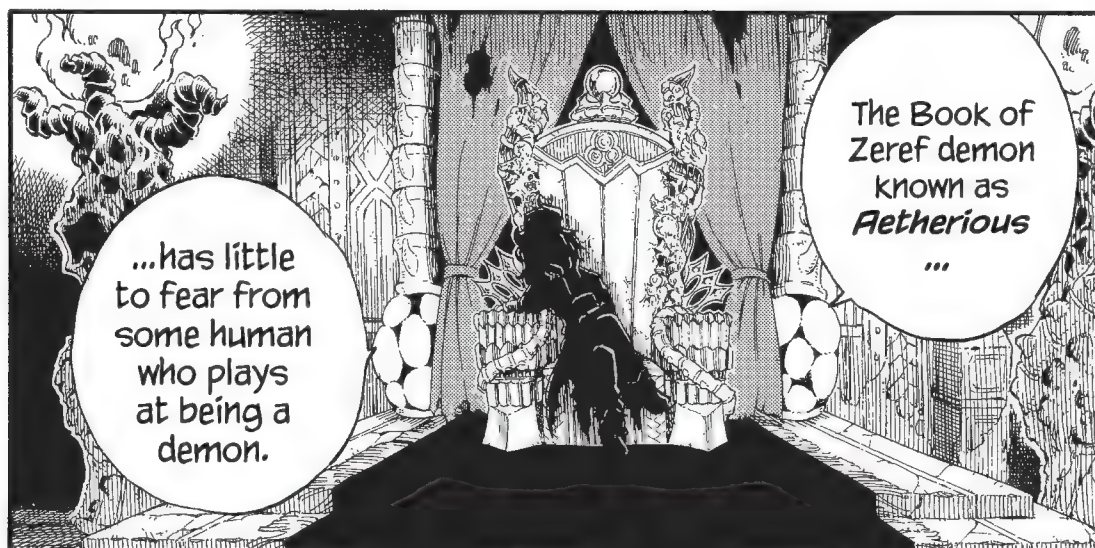
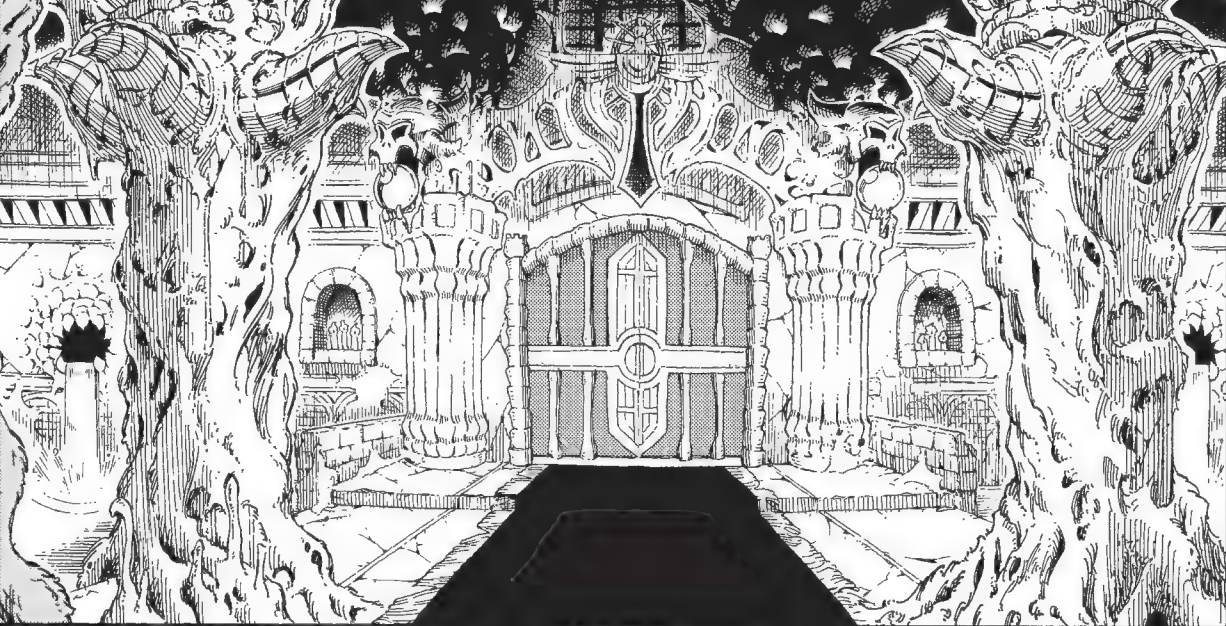




Surrounding Seilah's hand are kanji, but they do not form words. They are simply symbols in a magic pattern. The kanji's meanings are concepts like "murder," "beauty," "rot," "sea," and other primal-seeming terms.







...has little
to fear from
some human
who plays
at being a
demon.


The Book of
Zeref demon
known as
Aetherious
...



At last, it
has begun...
The darkness
is pouring out
of the door of
Tartaros!



Isn't that
right...
Master?



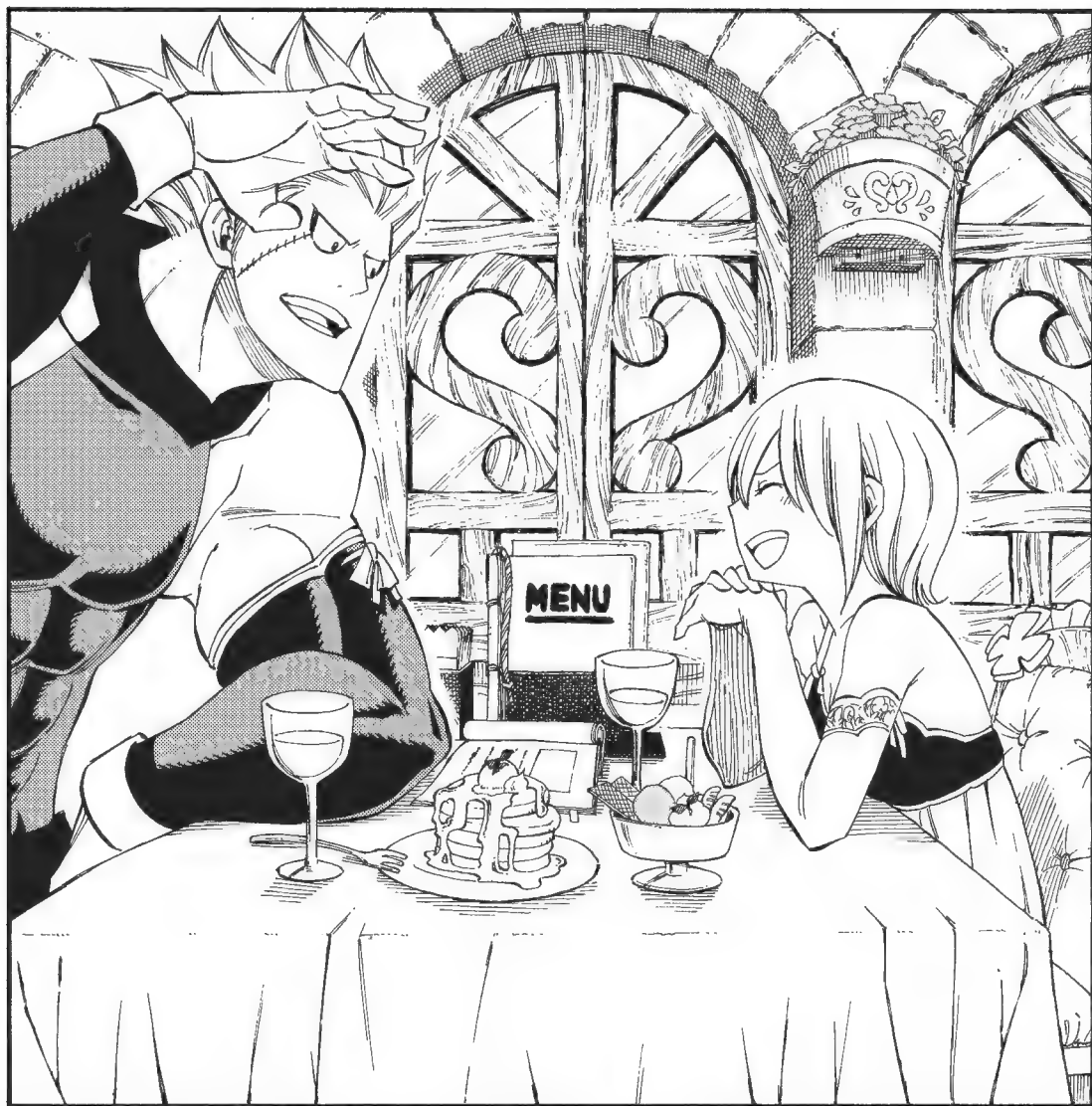
All of this
world's light will
be blanketed in
the darkness of
the underworld!



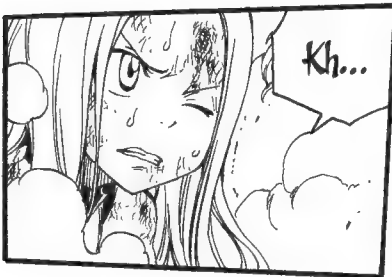
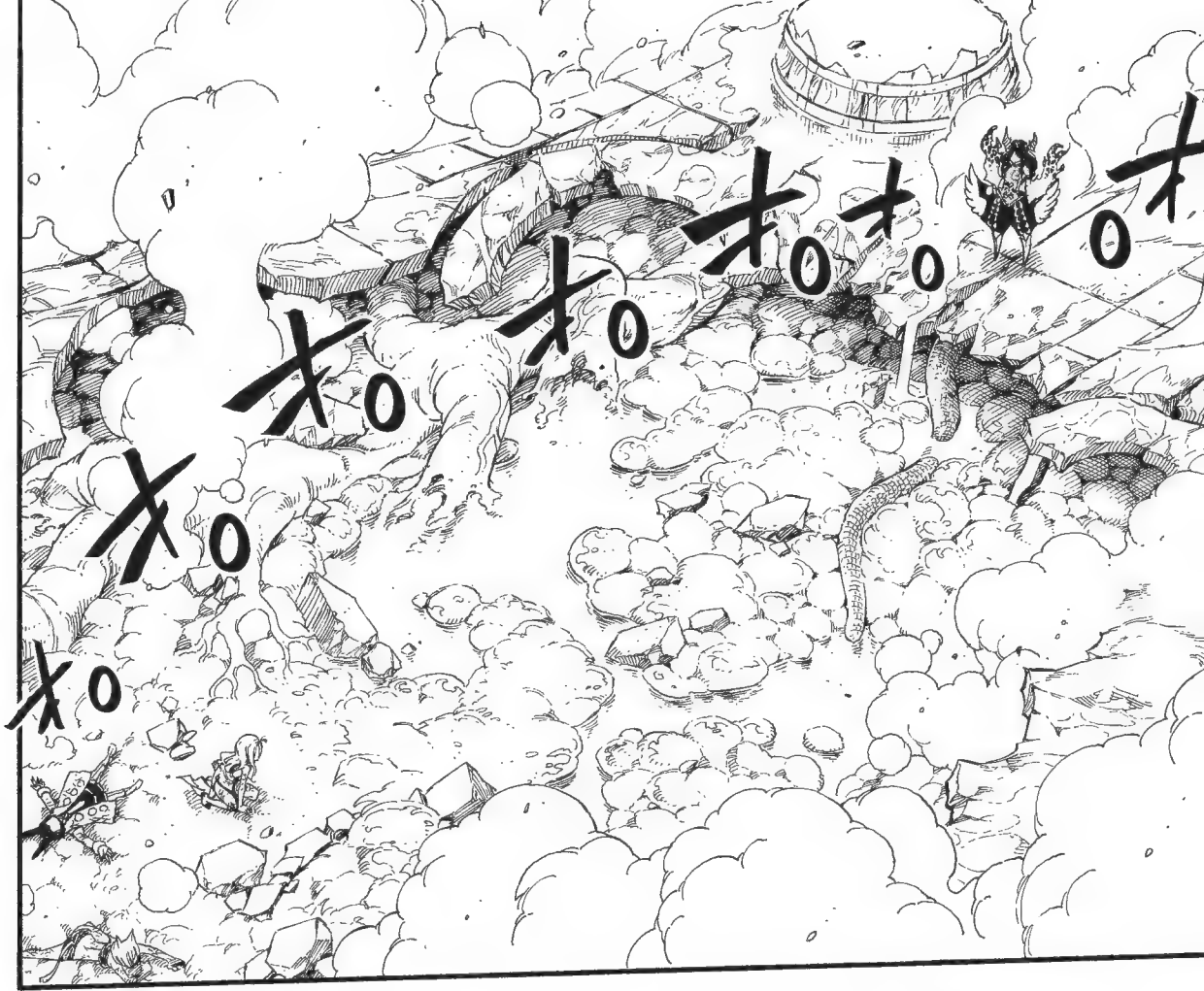
TARTAROS
UNDERWORLD KING
MARD GEER

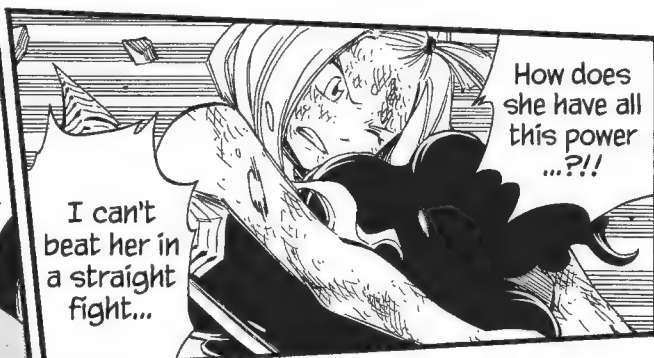
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Chapter 381: The House Where Demons Dwell







I order
myself to
rend this
enemy limb
from limb
!!!



Mira
!!!!





Stop
it!!!



AA

AA!!

AA

AA

AA



By the way,
you got any
cute guys in
your guild?
FA FA FA!



GRUNCH

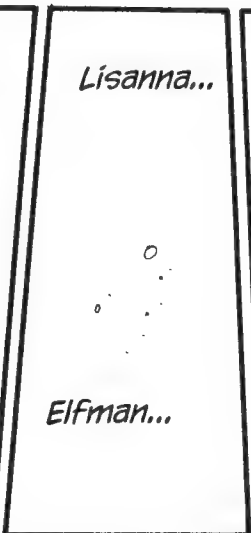
WHOOOSH

Urgh!!

Take a good
look!! I want
you to watch
as your sister
is slashed to
pieces!!



I just
can't...



Lisanna...

Elfman...

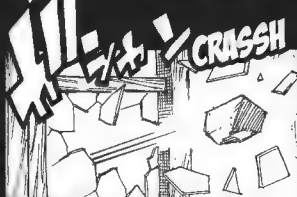


You're
possessed
by demons
!!!

Get
out!

How long
are you going
to haunt our
town?!

Get out
of our
village!



Nrg!



Your whole
family is
cursed!!

Our bad
luck won't
end until
you lot are
gone!!

If I had just
stayed away
from that
church...

It isn't
your fault,
Mira!!

I'm sorry...
It's all my
fault...

Are you
all right,
Mira...?



Off with you, demons !!

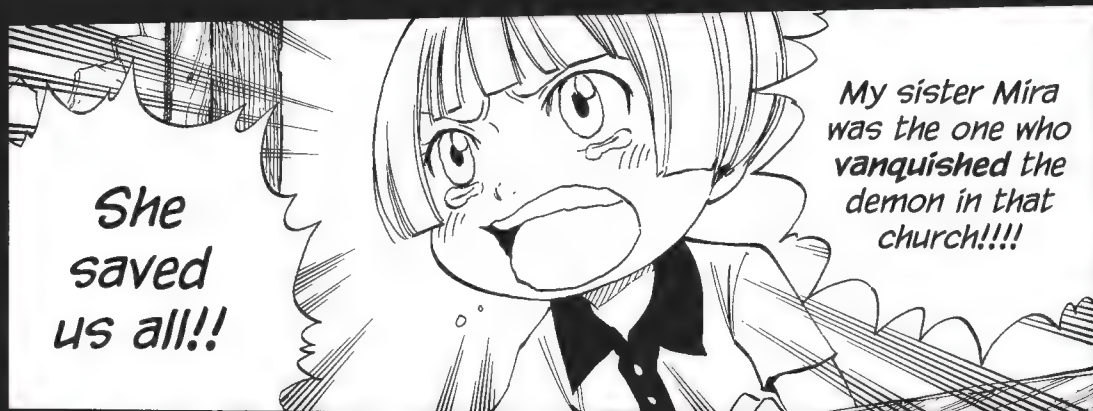
Get out of our village!!



Lisanna, don't!



... this wouldn't be happening...



She saved us all!!

My sister Mira was the one who **vanquished** the demon in that church!!!!



That's enough, Lisanna.

Sniff! Sniff!

Quit crying, Elfman!



It isn't Mira's fault!! She's done nothing wrong!!!

The demon got into her when she defeated it!!



You people are just being mean!!

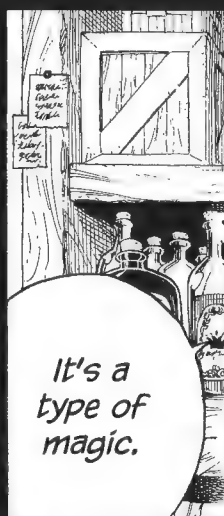


We can't stay
in the village
anymore.



What's
happened is
you've taken
its power
into your
body.

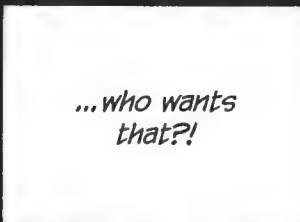
You're not
possessed
by the
demon.



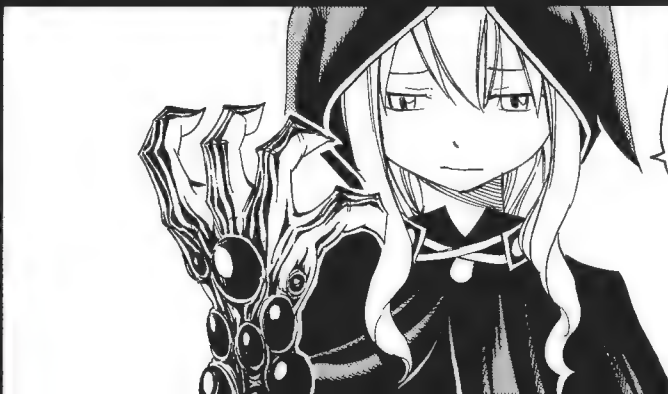
It's a
type of
magic.



It's called
TAKEOVER.



...who wants
that?!



A demon's
power...

Well?
Have you
accustomed
yourself to
life in the
guild?

They say
you have
quite the
skill set.

I've heard
tell of you,
Mirajane.

One
month
later.

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CHATTER CHATTER
か か
か

CHATTER CHATTER
か か
か

You're wasting
your time... That
girl never talks.
Doesn't smile
either.

She
always
looks
scary.

Hey!

STOMP
か

STOMP
か

ズキ
ズキ

But her
brother and
sister have
taken to the
guild like
nobody's
business.



Who would want a power like that...?

It's sickening!



Magic ...
Demons ...



I don't think...

... I'm even human anymore...



You're possessed by demons !!

Get out!!

Your whole family is cursed!!



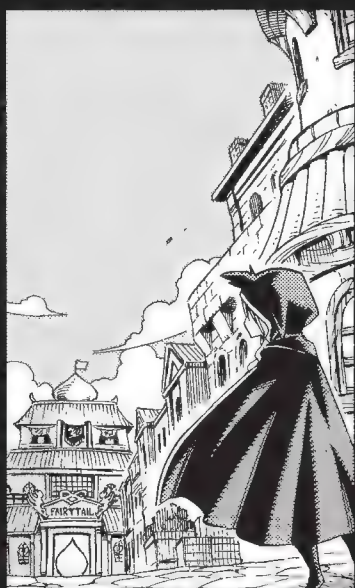
... is just keep on walking... out of town.



All I have to do...



It's a good guild. They'll take care of those two.

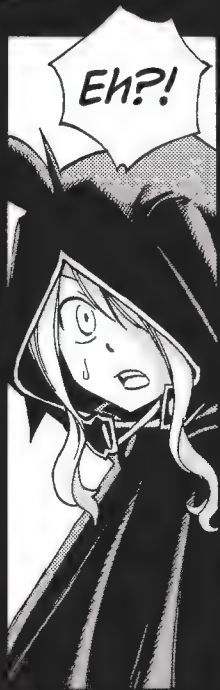




Goodbye,
Elfman...
Lisanna...

I'm
sorry...





Eh?!



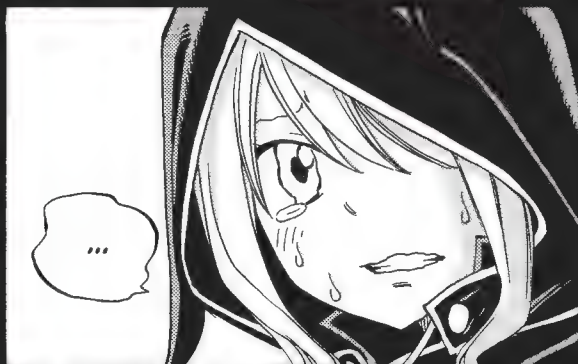
Beast Soul:
Bear!

Just my arm.

Animal Soul:
Cat!!

MEOW!ニャー

They
taught us
how to
do it!



...



Even if I can only
do it to one arm
so far.

We've got the
same kind of
magic you do,
Mira!



Even our
magic is the
same!

We'll always
be with you!



You
two...



But that's
over now,
right?

You look so
lonely all the
time...



Heh!



WAAH!
Me
neither!!

I can't do
it very good
yet...



WHOA!

Huh?
What?

FWUMP



Can you even
make money
at the guild
with magic
like that?

h
a
a SNIFF



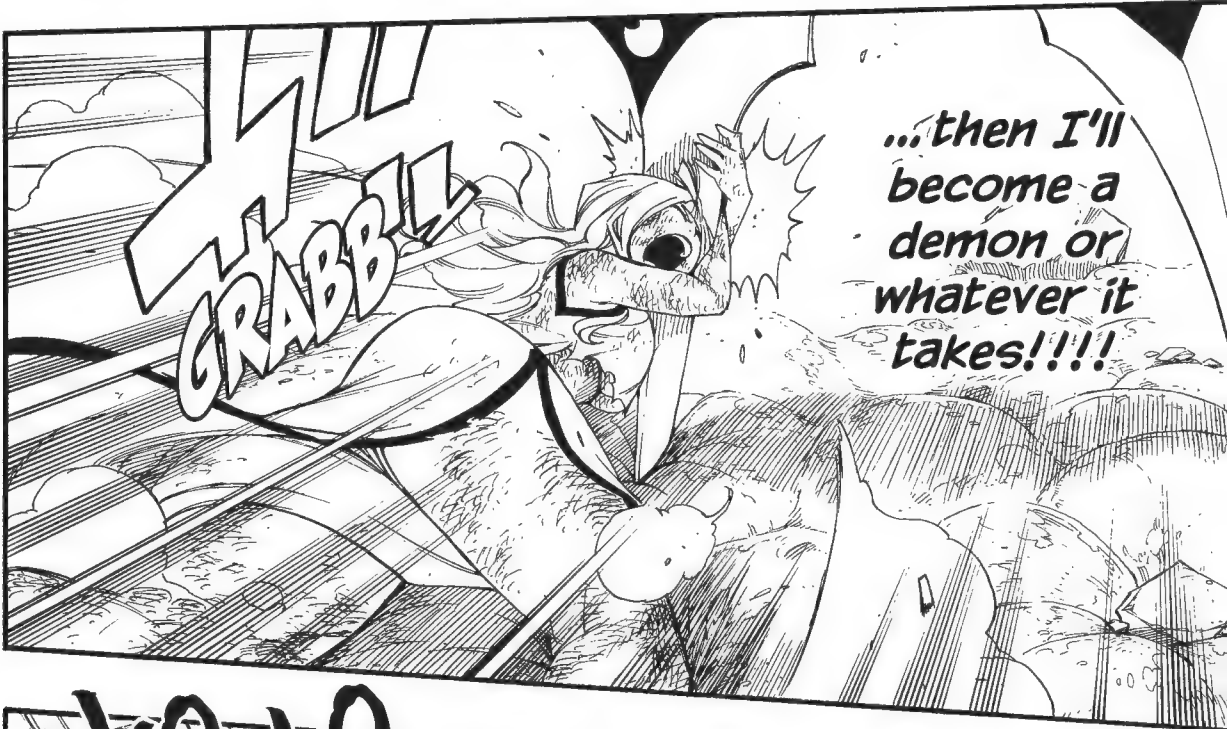
Now it's
our turn
to protect
you!

You've always
protected
us with your
power...

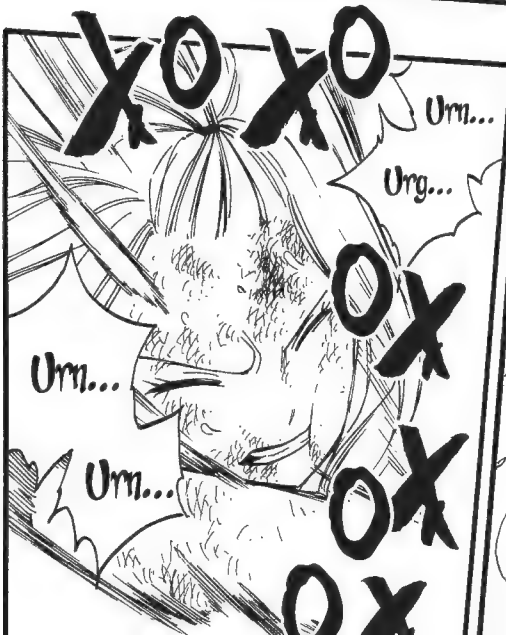


...but if it
gets me
the power
to save my
family...

I thought
that I didn't
want this
magic...



...then I'll
become a
demon or
whatever it
takes!!!!



Um...

Urg...

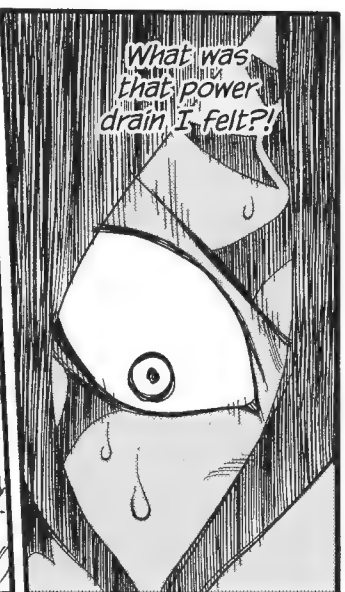
Um...

Um...



Urg!!

How many
times must I
repeat myself?
Takeover is not
effective on
me.







Begone!!!



We're sure to win now!

Noo



...can be used to command anyone you've ever controlled, even from a distance...

...right?



Your Macro...



Elfman...

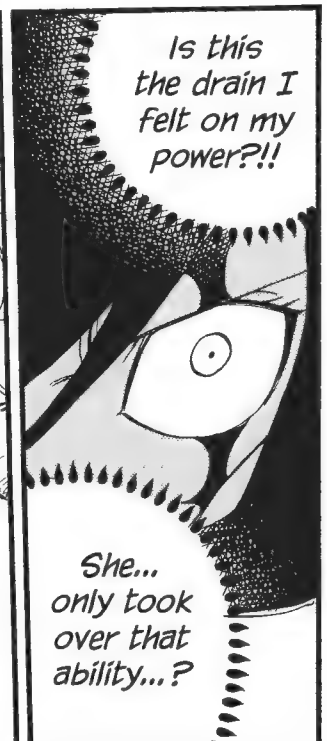


Not possible!!!

No one else can issue a Macro command!!!



That's how I gave the order.



Is this the drain I felt on my power?!!

She... only took over that ability...?



Come
to your
family!!!!

BOOM!

AA!!!

AA
AA
AA
AA





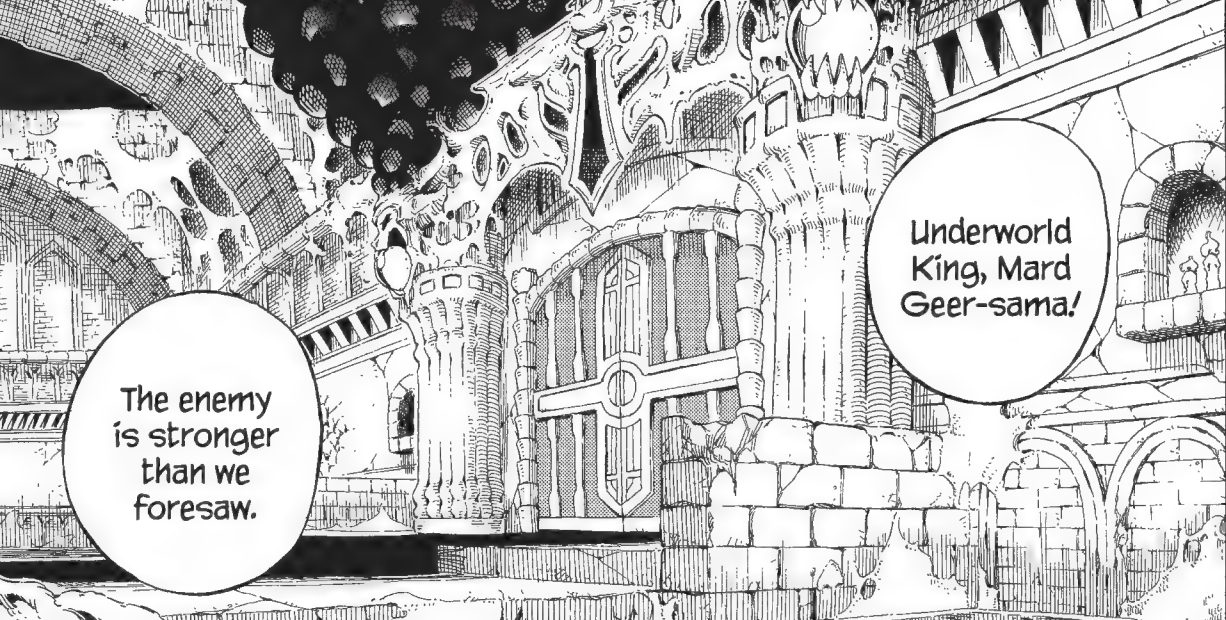
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• The real names of the Seven Dwarfs were Doc, Grumpy, Happy, Sleepy, Sneezy, Bashful, and Dopey.

Chapter 382: Alegria



The enemy
is stronger
than we
foresaw.

Underworld
King, Mard
Geer-sama!

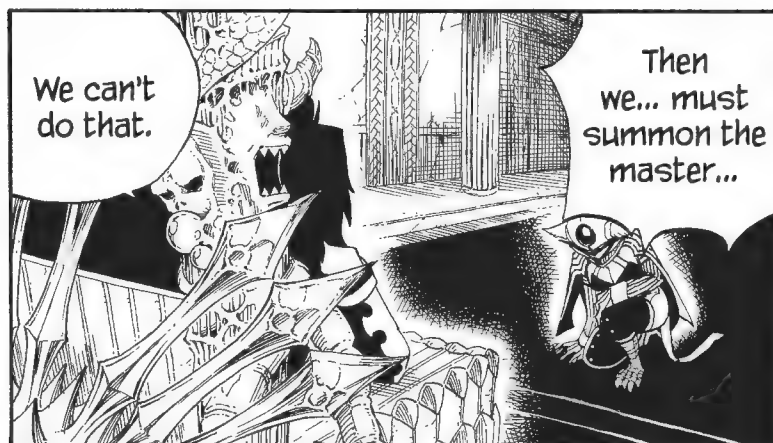


Seilah and
Hell's Core
as well.



The Face
operation
was a
failure.

Also,
Ezel and
Franmalth
have fallen.



We can't
do that.

Then
we... must
summon the
master...



No...!



We must
eliminate all
magic before
we can bring
END back
to life.

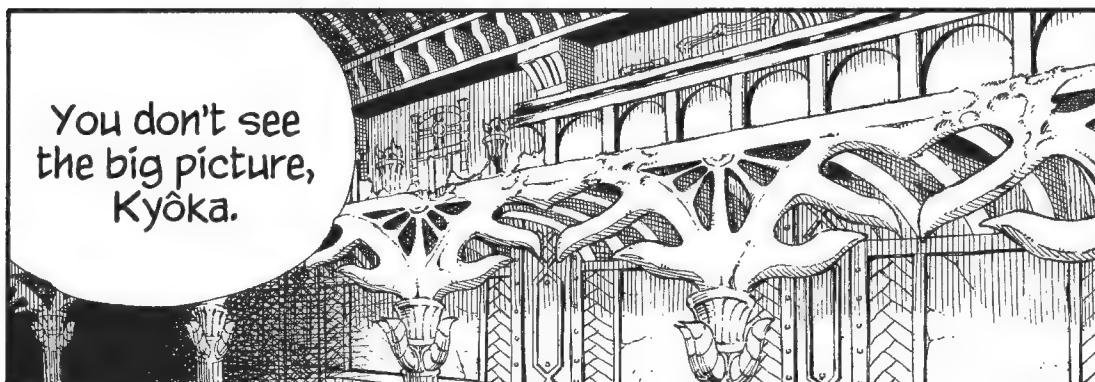
We don't
have the curse
power necessary
to revive the
master.



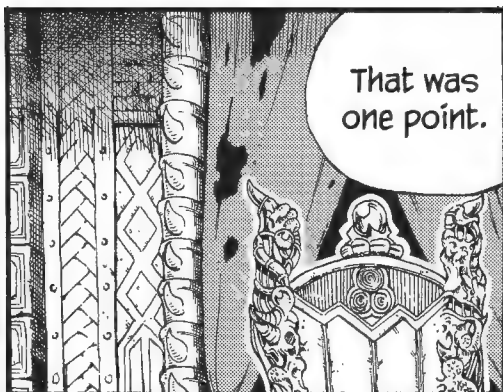
You
don't
see it.

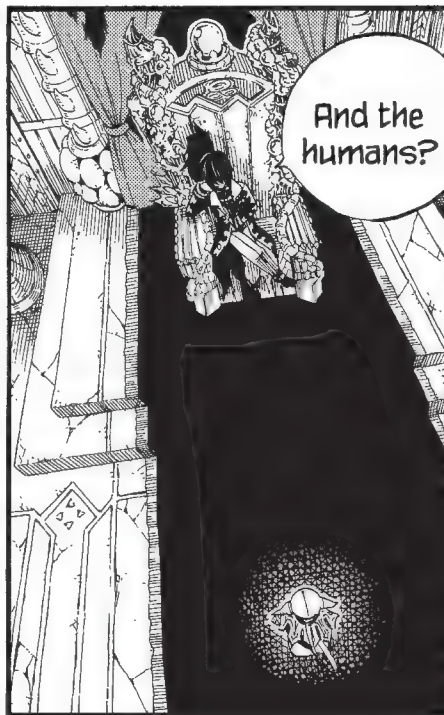
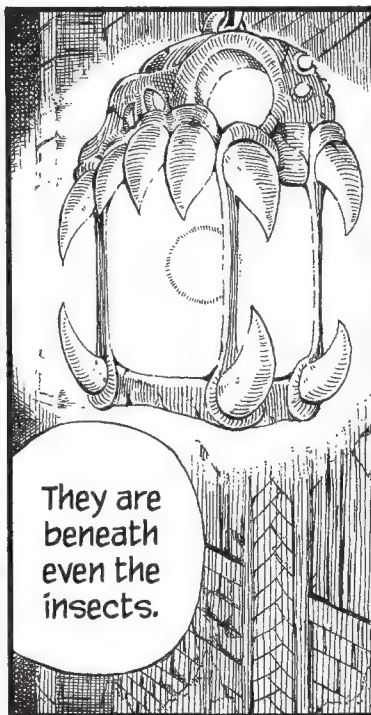


Our plan
to eliminate it
ended in failure.

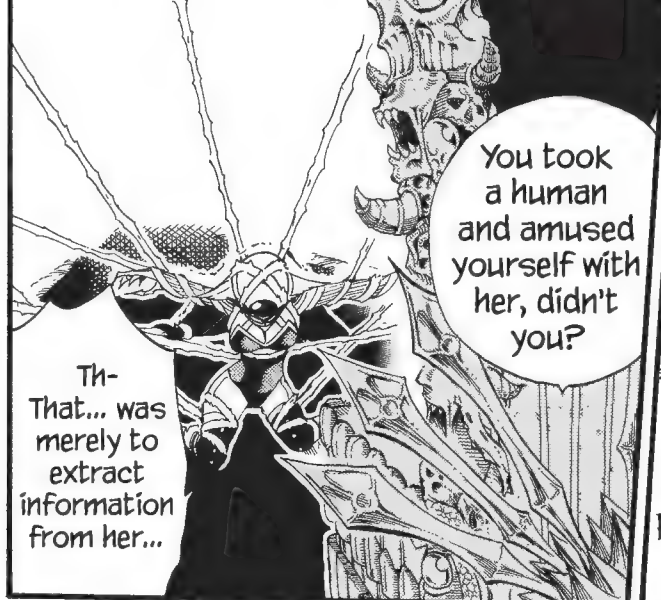


You don't see
the big picture,
Kyôka.









Th-
That... was
merely to
extract
information
from her...

You took
a human
and amused
yourself with
her, didn't
you?



Mard
Geer-
sama,
what...

GA...
HUH...



GUHH!!

GRITCH



AGH
!!

GUH
...

KRAK
KRAK

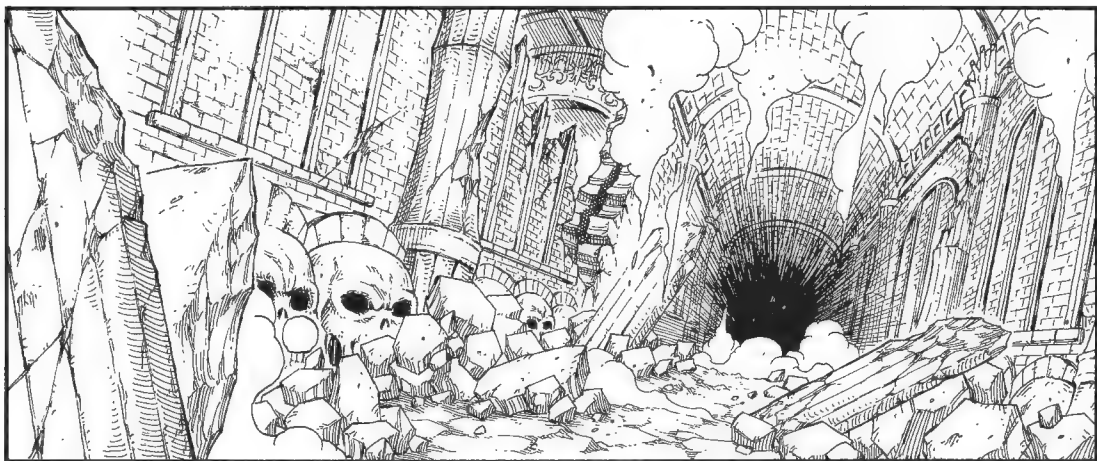


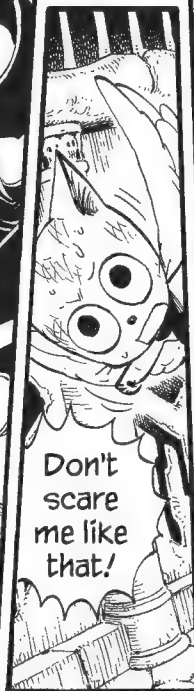
No, this
one has
naught but
contempt
for...



You are
much too
fond of the
humans.









Okay,
good to
go!

Yeah...
Just a
minute...

Say, Warren, can
you make it so
everybody can
hear my voice
too?



ELFMAN AND
LISANNA ARE
HERE TOO.

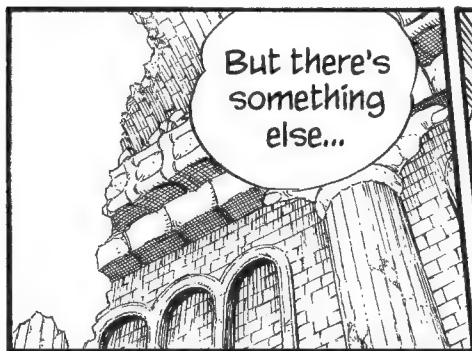
Thank
good-
ness...

Ohh!!



Wendy and
Carla have
stopped
Face!!!!

They
ruined the
enemy's
plan!!!!



But there's
something
else...



Our
angels
!!

I knew
they'd do
it!!

All
right!!



What
?!!

WE MET
MASTER HADES'
SOUL!

Soul...?

What
does that
mean?



Happy? One
second...



Can the
master hear
us?

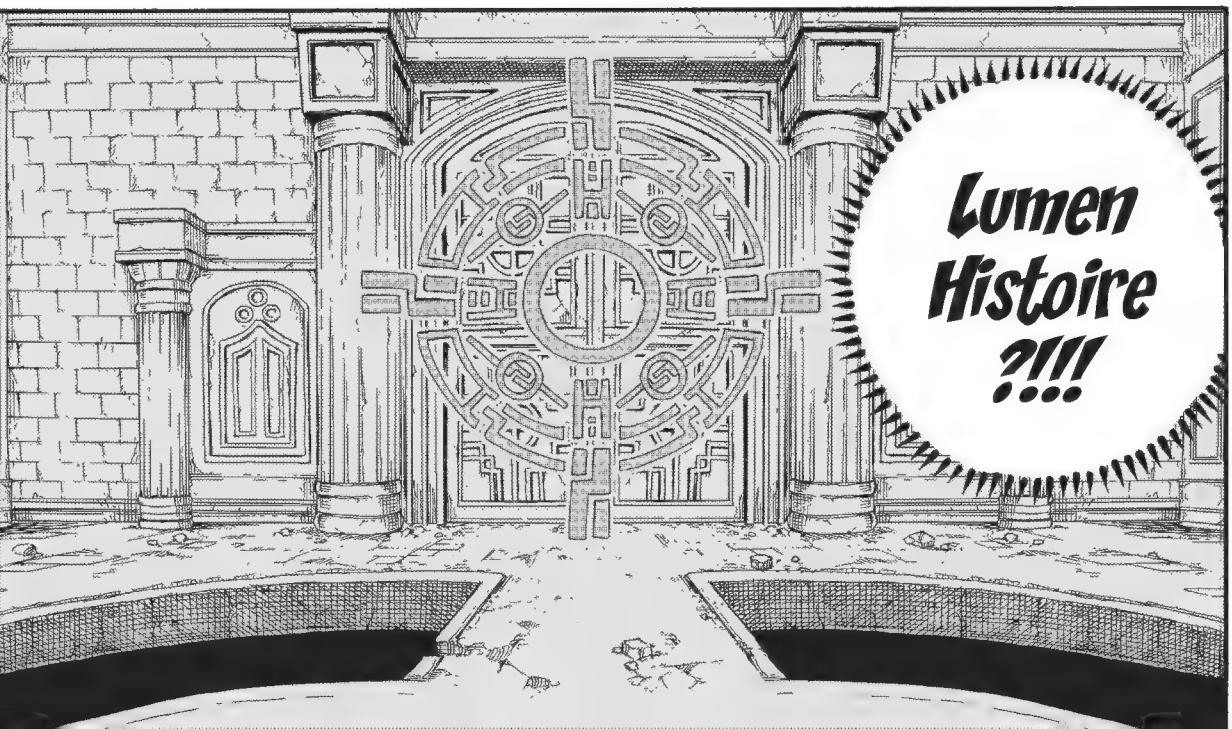


Light
...?!

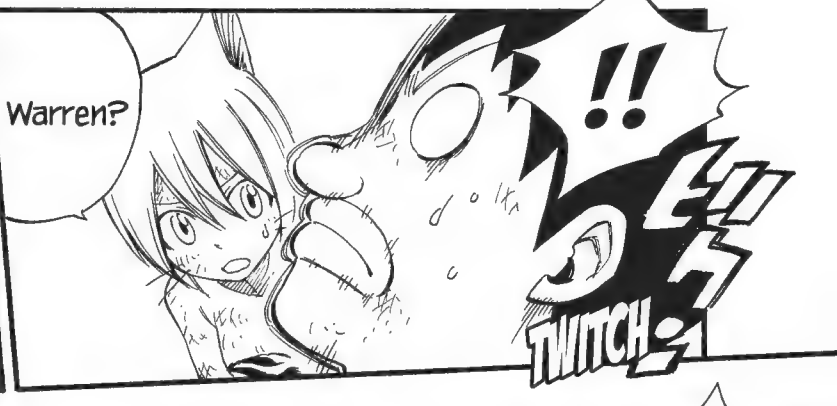


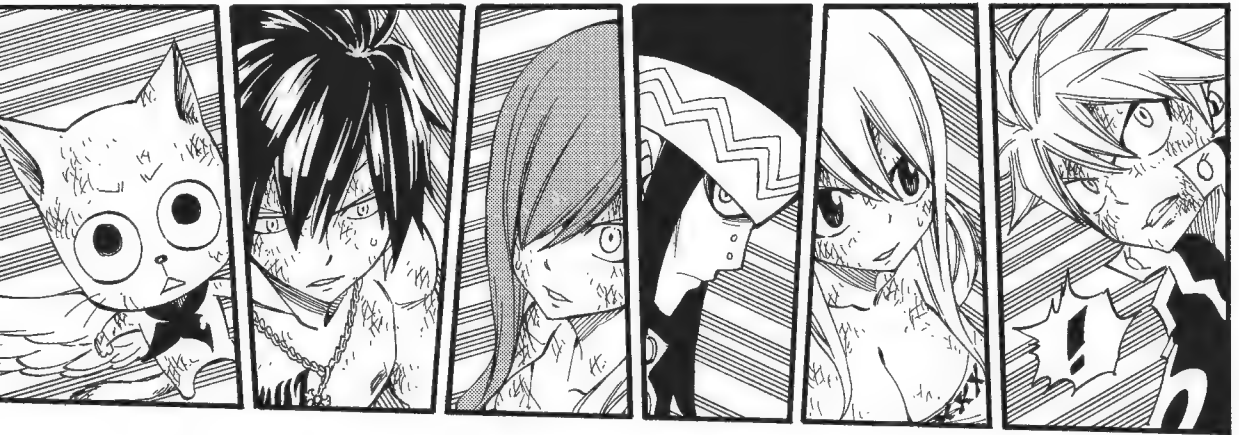
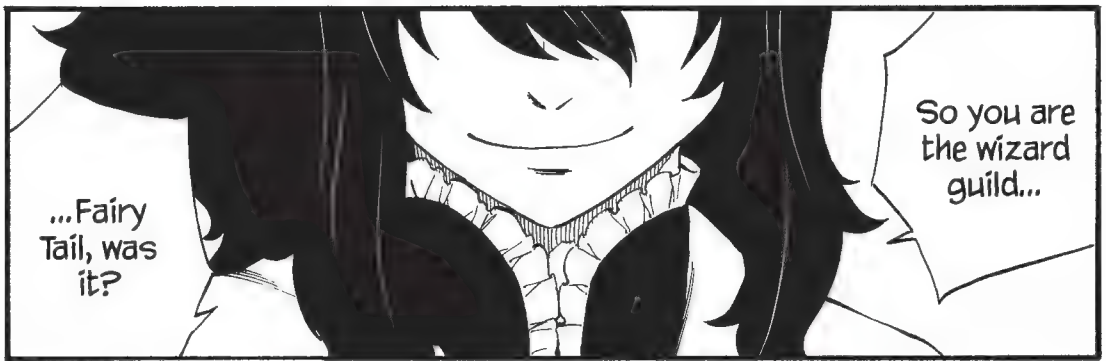
We're
supposed to
tell you to
"Release the
light!"

He said that
stopping
Face wasn't
enough...

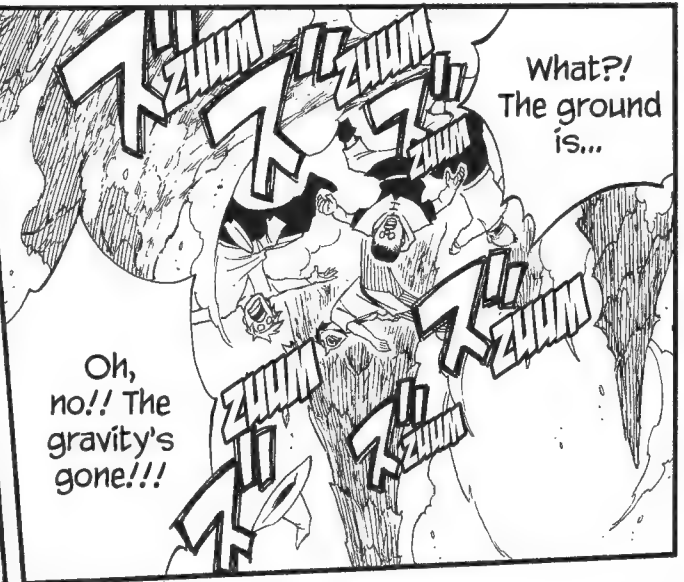
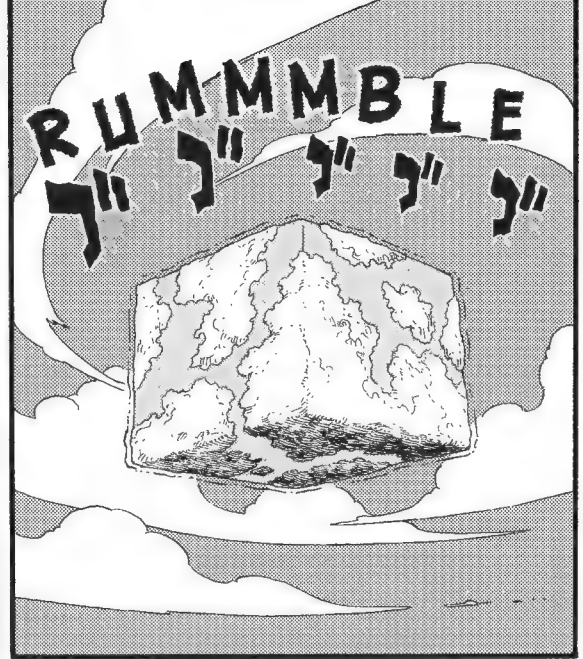


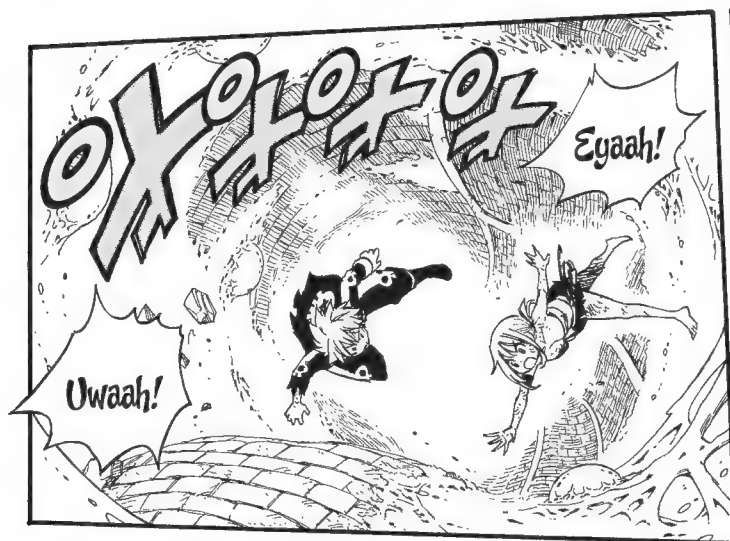
**Lumen
Histoire
?!!!**













WAAAAN
401

UWAAAH
!!

AA

AA

AA

AA
!!



GRRRN



Kh!

What is
this...?!



AAAAAH
!!



You...



WHOOOSH

You're not
getting
away,
Erza!!





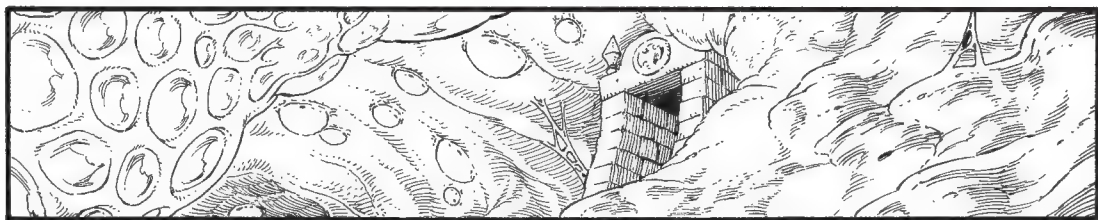
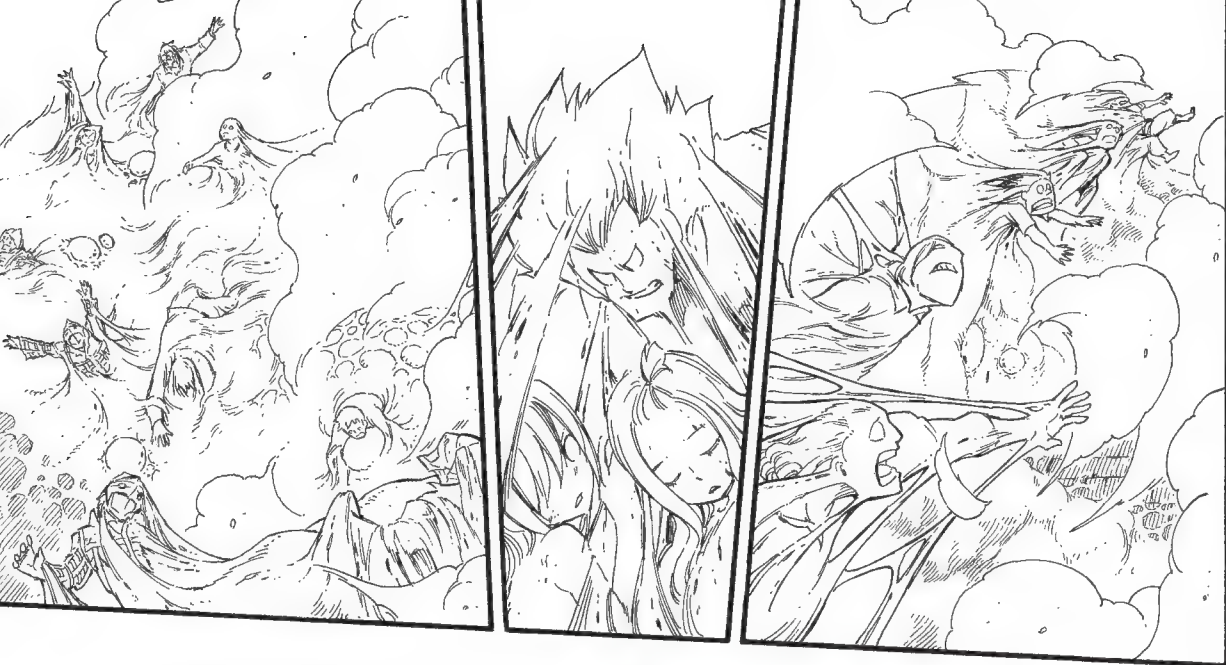


...contained
within the
beast named
Pluto's
Grim!!!

RUMIN

MMBLE





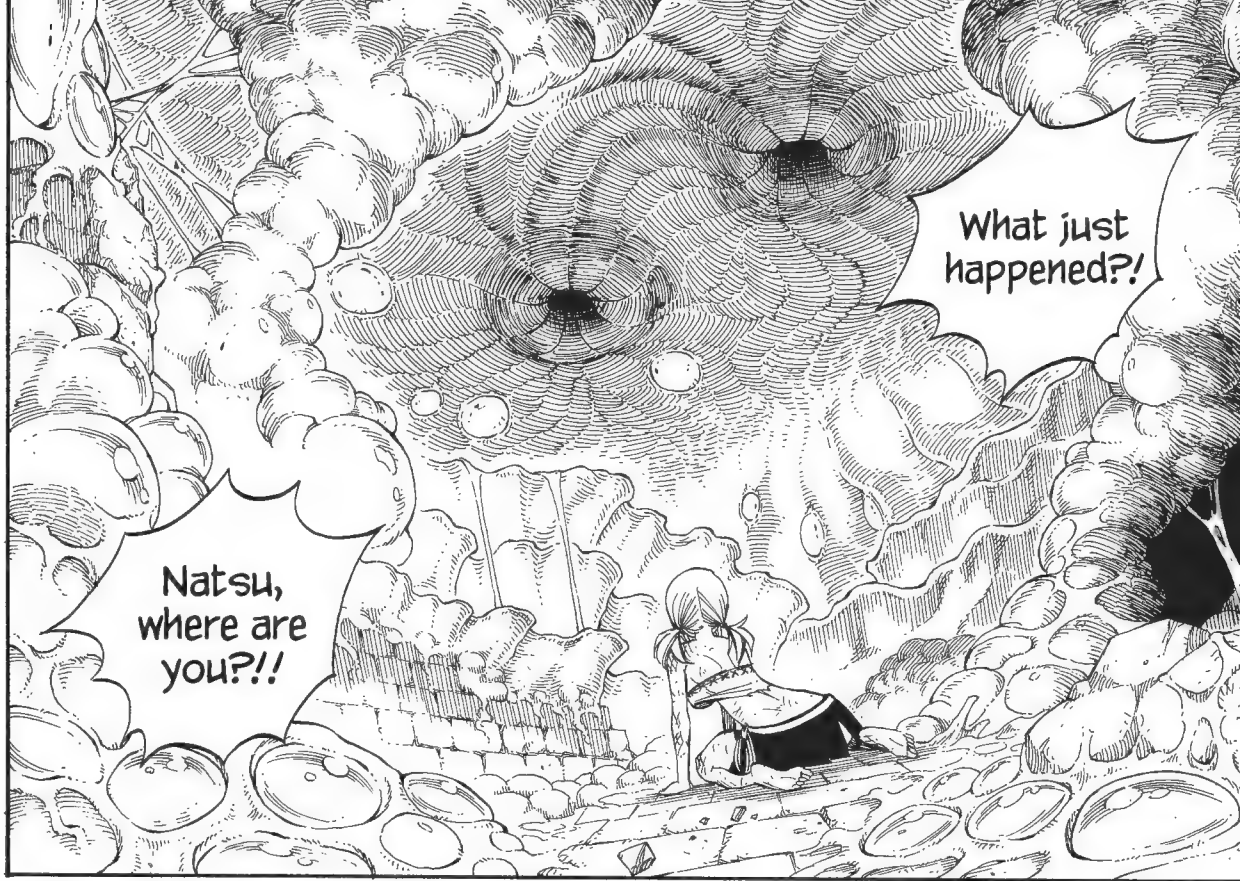


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フェアリーテイル

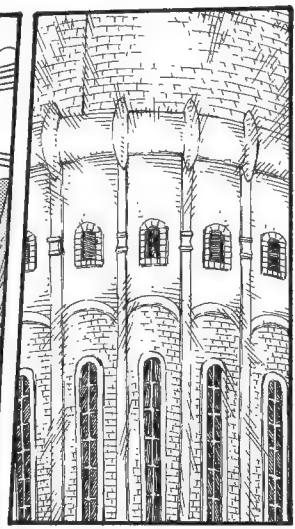
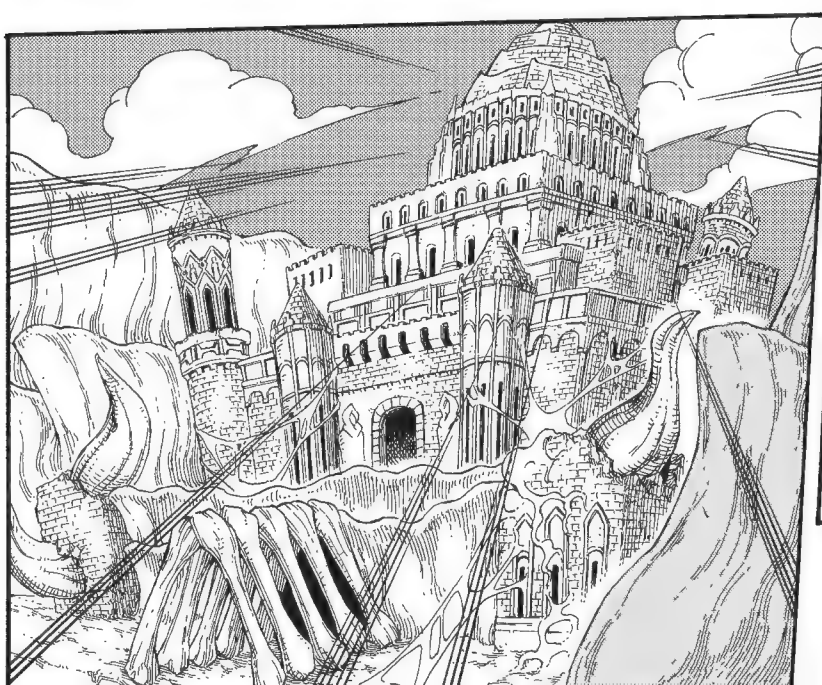
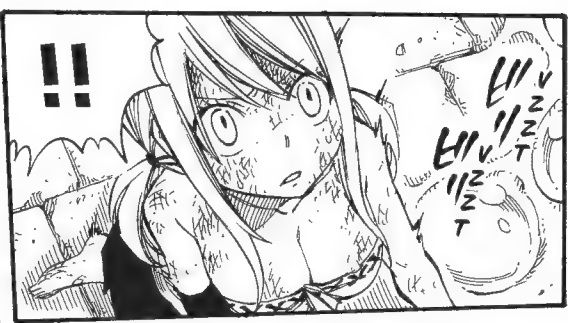
Chapter 383: Wave Rider Lucy

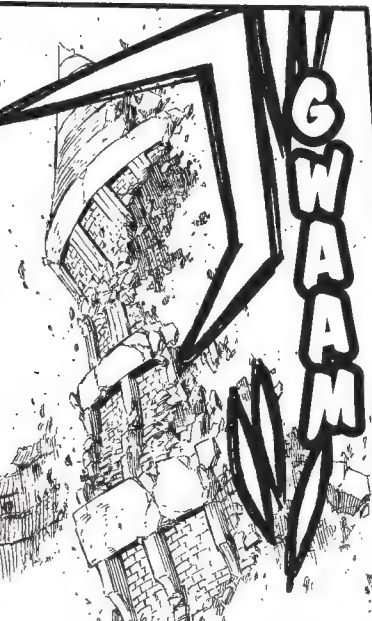
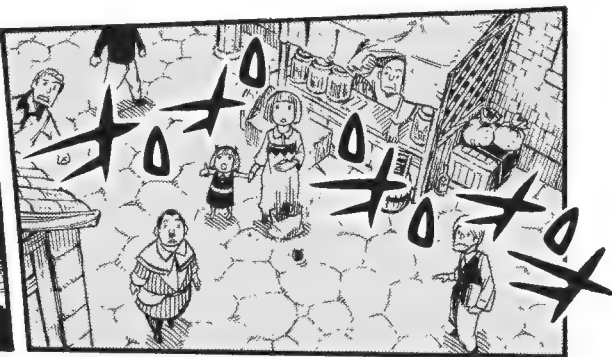




What just happened?!

Natsu,
where are
you?!!







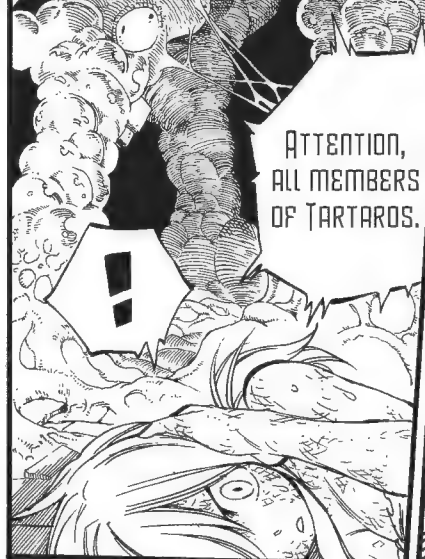
Not the
Kardia
Cathedral
!!

Run
away!!

That
thing
is
smashing
up the
whole
town!!!



GRASSH



ATTENTION,
ALL MEMBERS
OF TARTARDS.



Urrgh...

What
is that
sound...
?!



We
shall now
proceed with
the Face
Operation
as planned!

Alegria has
disposed
of the
invaders!



And I
thought
Wendy put
a stop to
the Face
Operation.



Hurray
!!

It's the
Underworld
King!!



Disposed
of the
invaders
...?!



HOWEVER... FOR SOME REASON, ALEGRIA ALLOWED ONE HUMAN TO ESCAPE, AND SHE IS STILL HERE.



SHOULD ONE OF THE NINE DEMON GATES ELIMINATE HER, THAT MEMBER WILL PERSONALLY RECEIVE A REWARD FROM MARO GEER INSTEAD. THAT IS ALL.

THE SOLDIER WHO KILLS THE HUMAN WILL BE PROMOTED TO BECOME ONE OF THE NINE DEMON GATES.







SAGIT-
TARIUS
!!!!

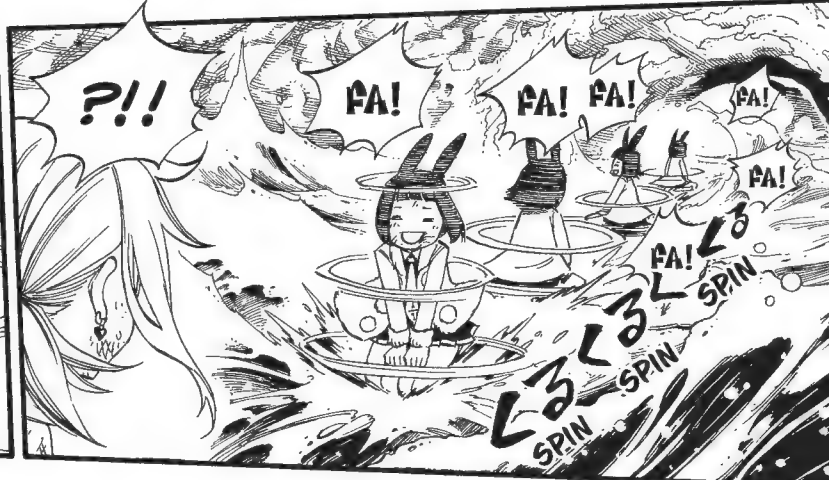
Take
that
!!!!

And
that
!!!!



I'm
gonna get
promoted/
I'm gonna get
promoted
!!

SPIN SPIN SPIN SPIN



?!!

FA!

FA!

FA!

FA!

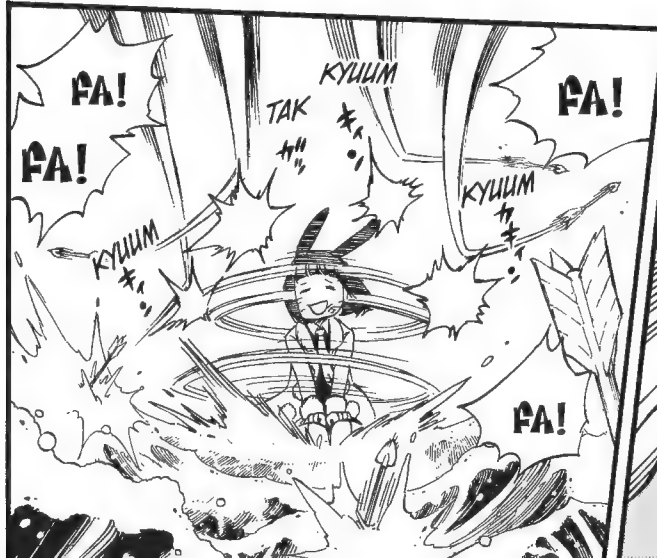
FA!

FA!

SPIN

SPIN

SPIN



FA!

FA!

KYUUM

TAK

FA!

KYUUM

FA!



V-W-I-P
E!!

Leave
this one
to me!



Sagittarius,
gate close!!
I summon
Virgo!!!



GAHH
!!

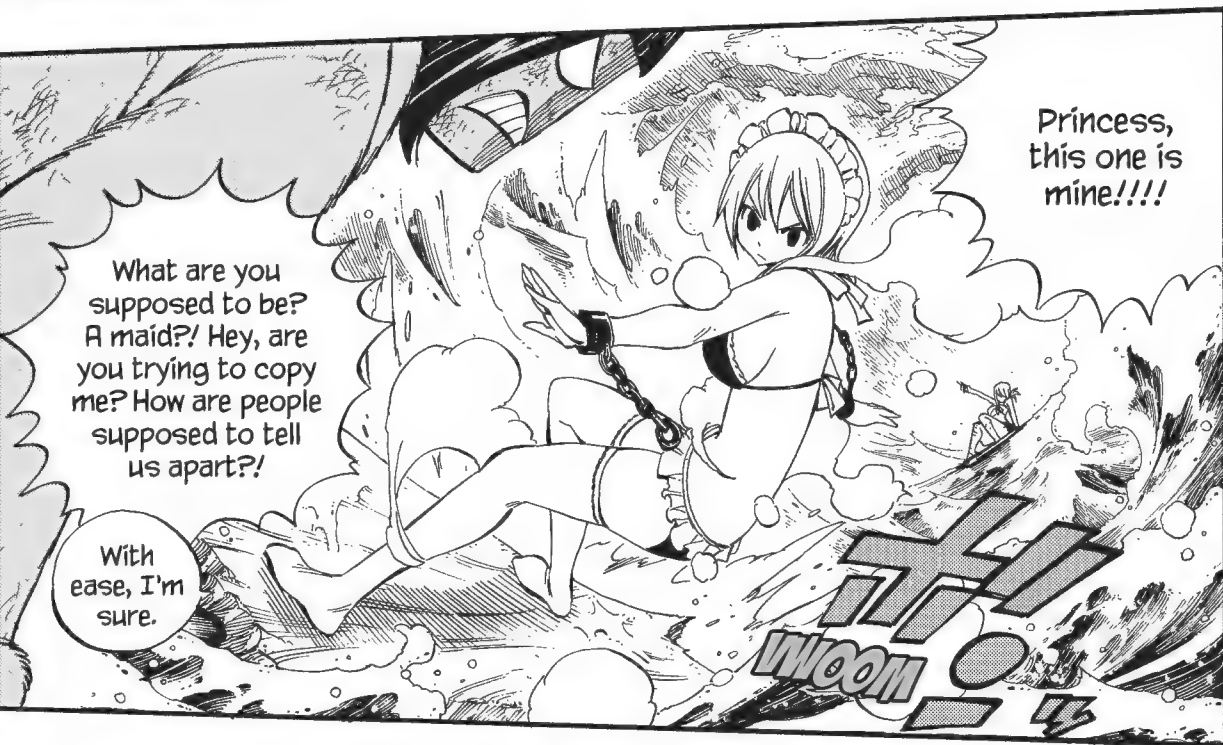
CRACK!!

See?

Flying
weapons
bounce
right off my
slip-all curse
power...



My
arrows were
deflected
?!!



What are you
supposed to be?
A maid?! Hey, are
you trying to copy
me? How are people
supposed to tell
us apart?!

With
ease, I'm
sure.

Princess,
this one is
mine!!!!



Princess,
some-
thing's
out there!



Uwah!

FIP!!
PLW!!



Open,
Gate of the
Lion Palace,
Loke!!!!



I'm
surprised
that Regulus
wasn't able to
protect me
completely...



You
took my
blade with
your bare
hand?!!

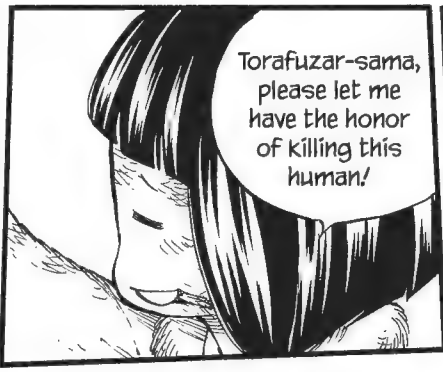


I'm just
fine!

Are you
all right,
Loke?!



I do not
care about
such things!



Torafuzar-sama,
please let me
have the honor
of killing this
human!



I really
don't see the
resemblance
between us.

OOOH!
What a
hottie!

POT
E



I simply
do my
duty!!

Lucy, I'll
take him
on!!

GAKING



I gotta
save Lucy
and...

I must
help the
princess
and...



It's gotta
be especially
hard with
Virgo and me.
We take a lot
of magic!



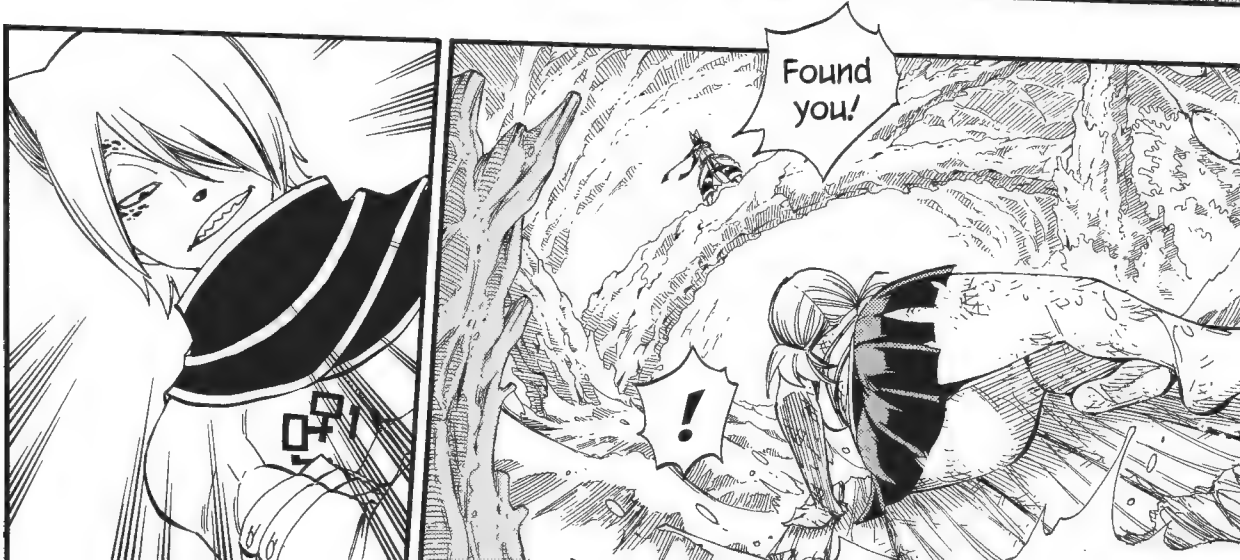
She's
summoned
two spirits at
once... It looks
painful!



HAHH

HAHH

HAHH









What happened to all of my friends?!

What happened...



Kh!



Lucy!!



Kah ha ha!!!



This girl is the only one left to take out my irritation on!

The fireball and blue cat are both dead!



Do not toy with your prey! If you intend to kill her, do so without delay!



And I still
got plenty
of it!!!



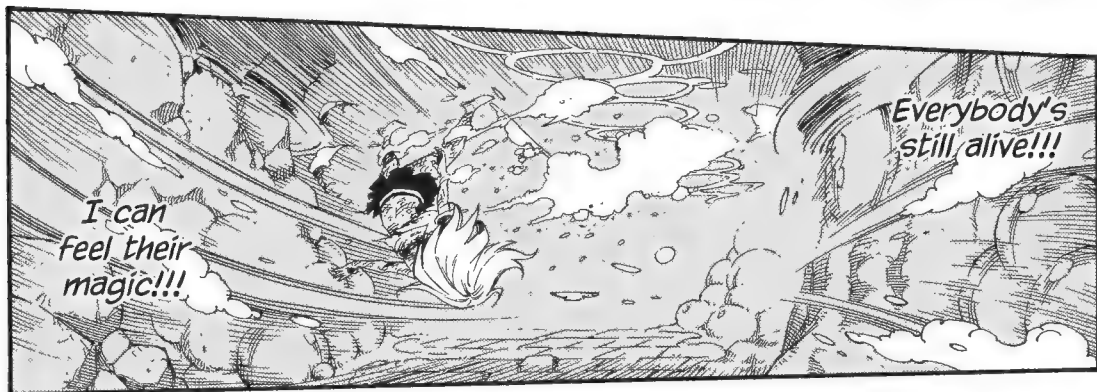
They're
not
dead...



The very
fact that we're
summoned
here means her
magic is being
drained away...



Princess
!!!!



I can
feel their
magic!!!

Everybody's
still alive!!!



...so this
time, it's
my turn
to rescue
them!!



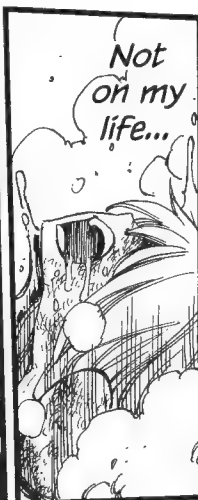
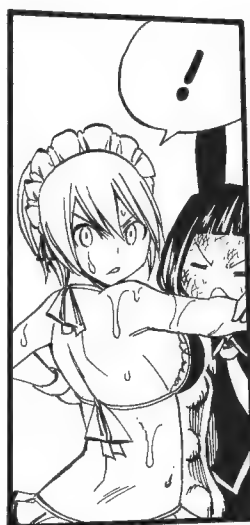
Don't
die on
me
yet!



They've always
come to
my rescue
before...



How
do you
like
that
?!!!





SHIIING

**OPEN,
GATE OF
THE WATER
BEARER
PALACE
!!!!**

**AQUARIUS
!!!!**



P...
Please
...



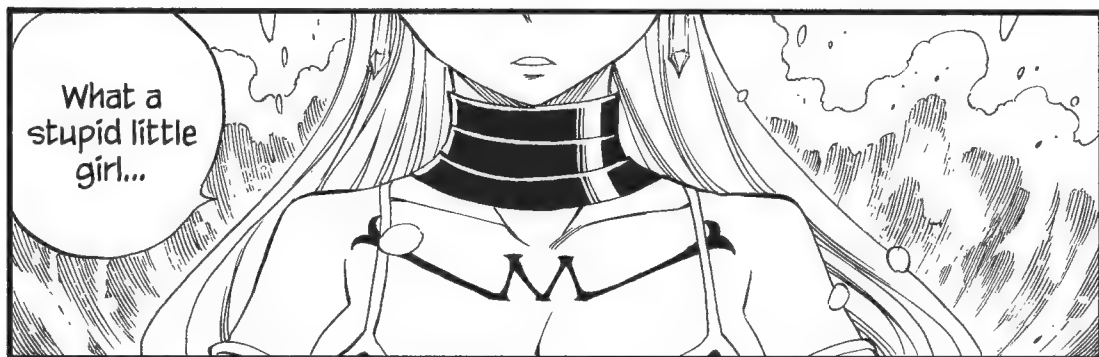
!



A triple
sum-
moning
?!!



Princess,
your body can't
take it!!!



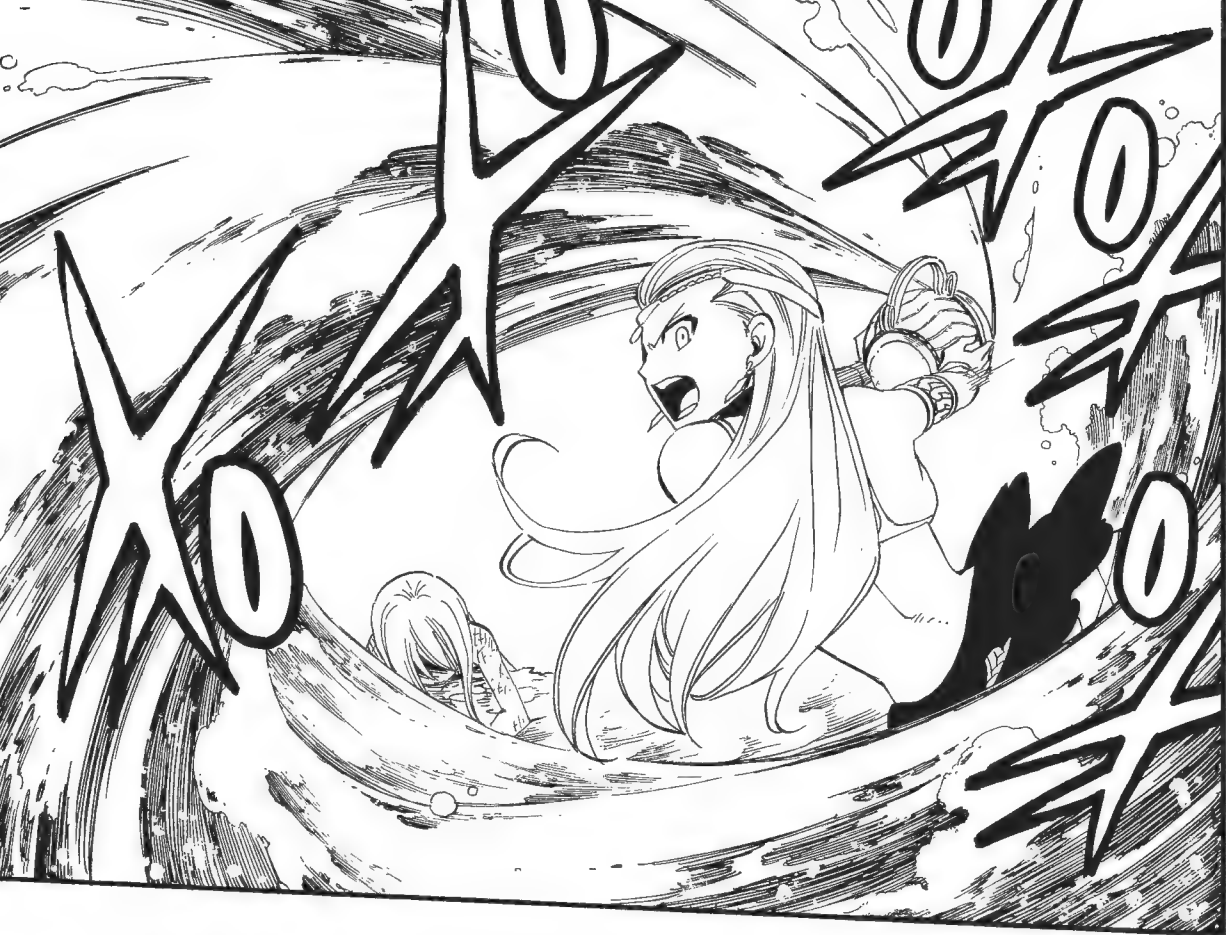
What a
stupid little
girl...





Chapter 384: Attack of the Celestials







XING
WAAAAA
SHAAAA

WHOO

OO

OOH!









What?! So calling three was like some ultimate attack?





BOOM

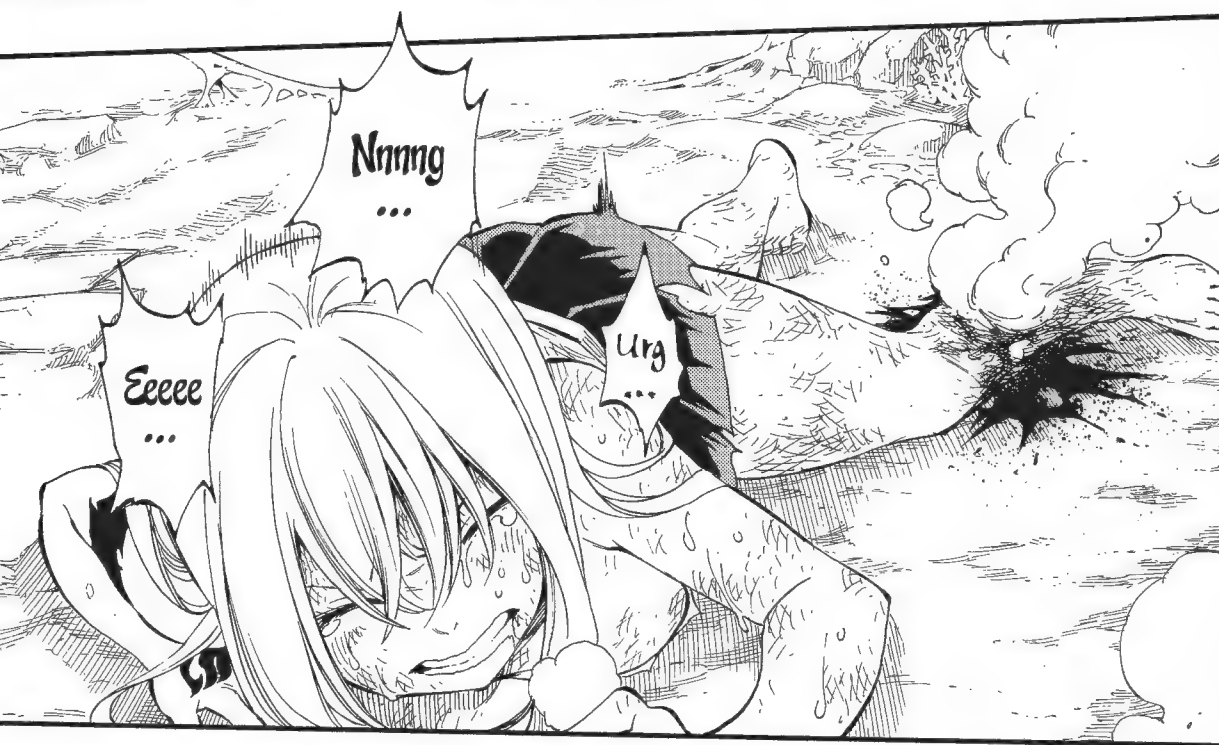


They need me...



I can't let it end here...!!

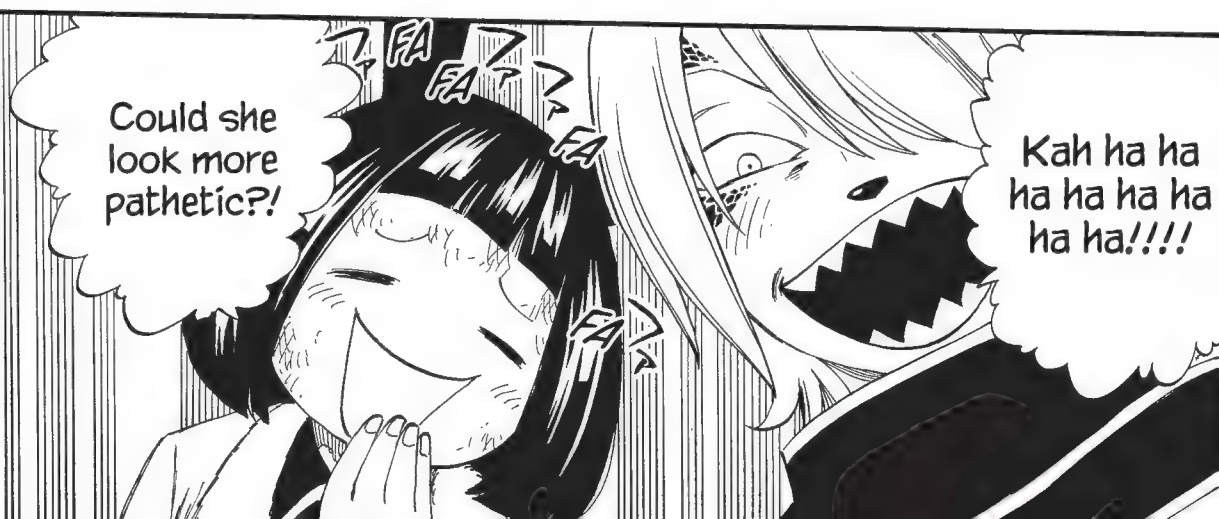
I have to save them!!



Nnnng ...

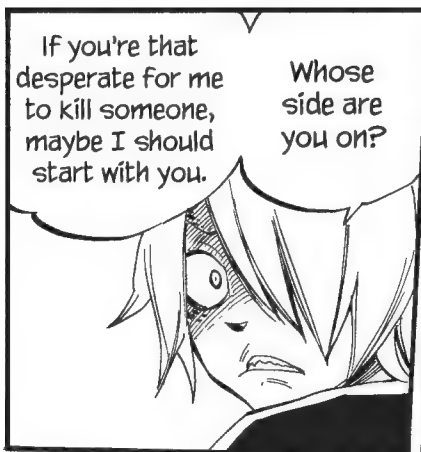
Eeeee ...

Urg ...

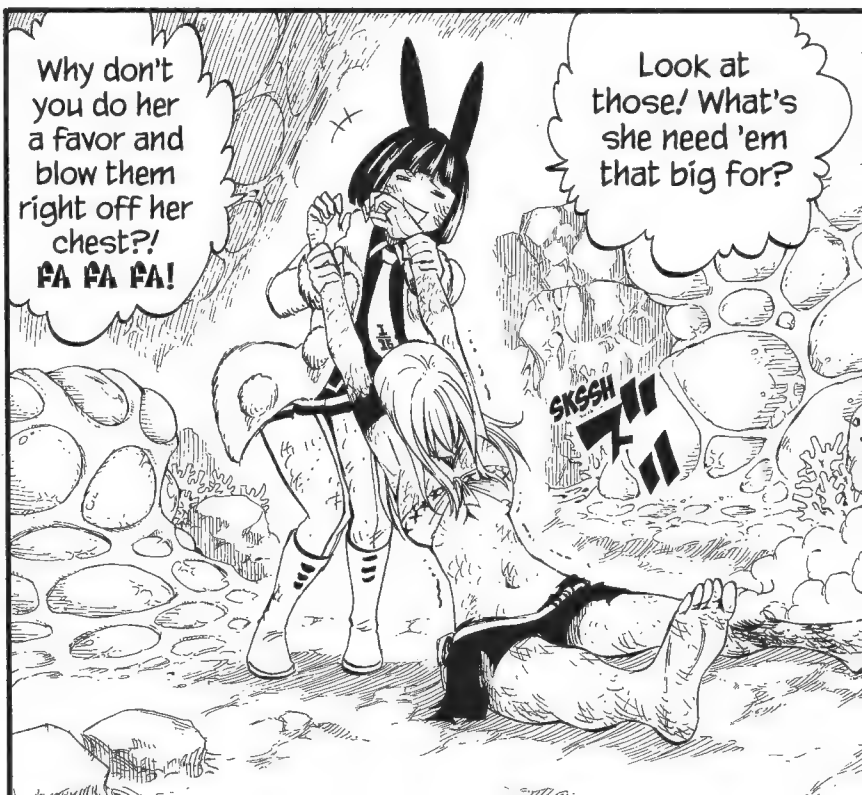


Could she look more pathetic?!

Kah ha ha ha ha ha ha ha ha!!!!

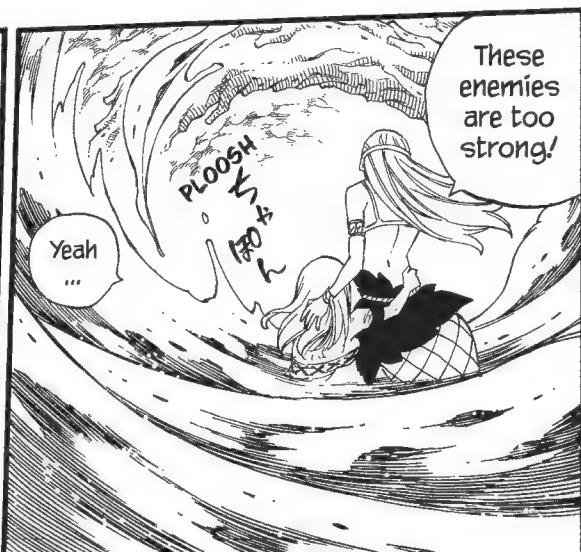
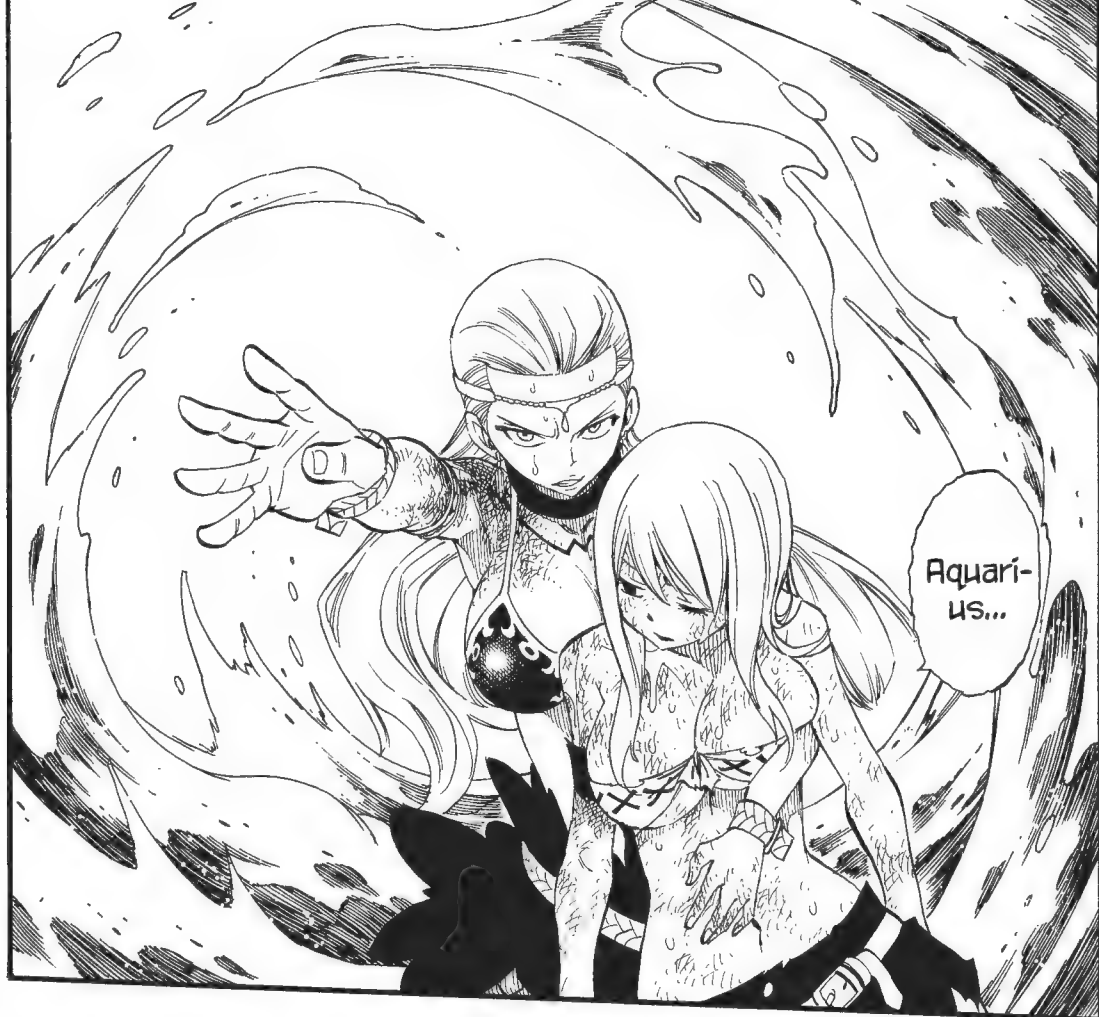


Whose side are you on?

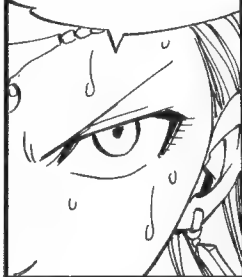








You were able
to open three
gates at once,
so I know you
can do this!

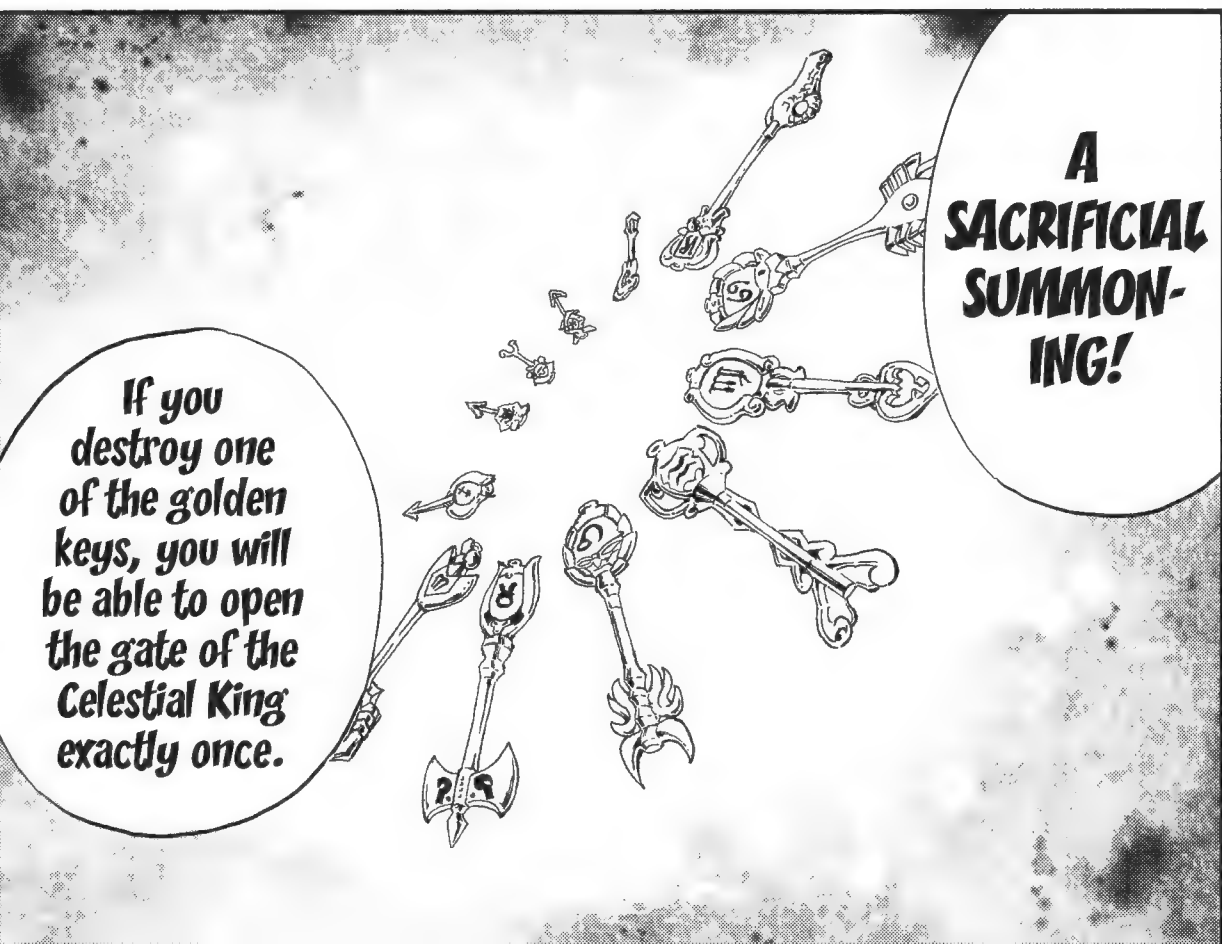


I can't
hold
him off
forever...

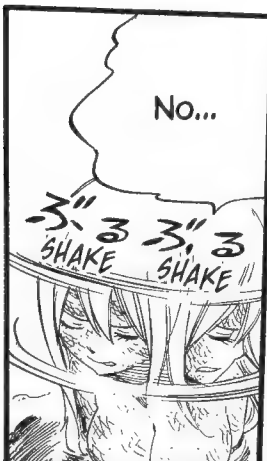
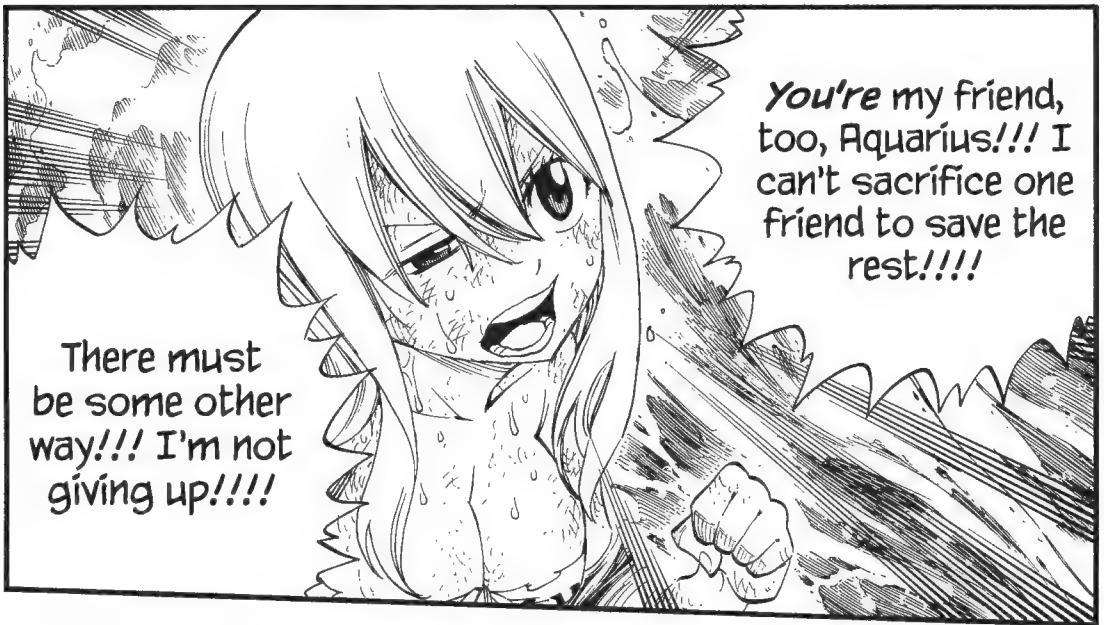
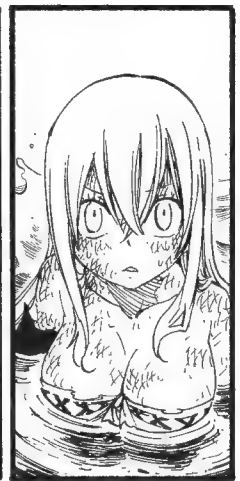
...so
listen
closely,
Lucy!



**SUMMON
THE
CELESTIAL
KING!!**









I won't
do it!!!

We just won't
be able to see
each other
again!

Breaking
my key
won't kill
me!

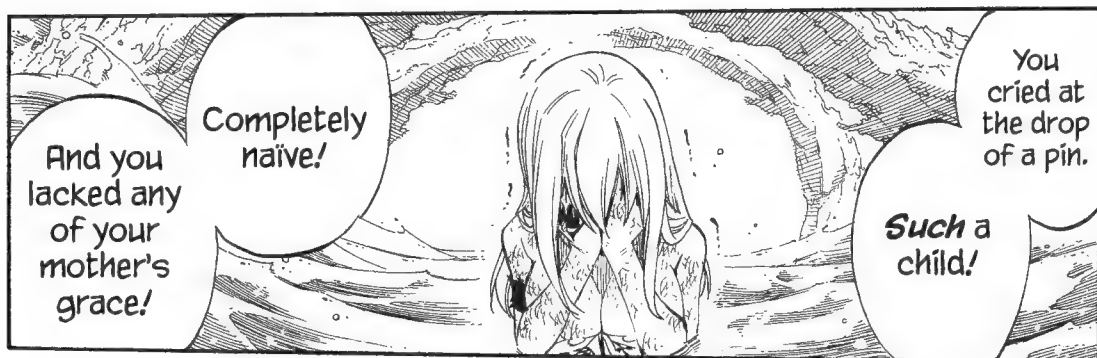
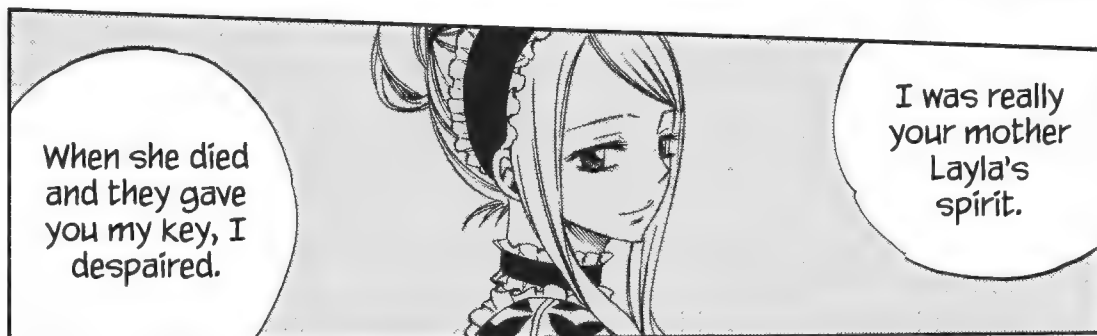
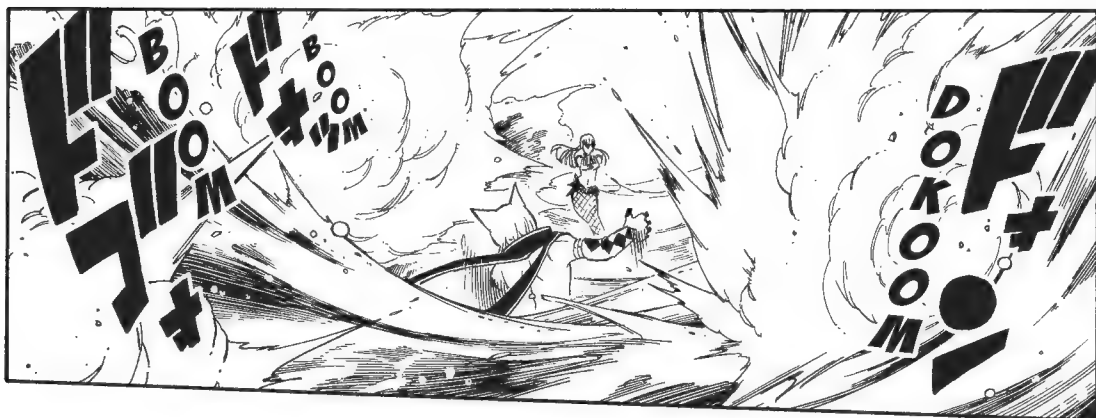
Don't
make me
do this...

Lucy,
we're out
of time...

My
power
is...
at its
limit...

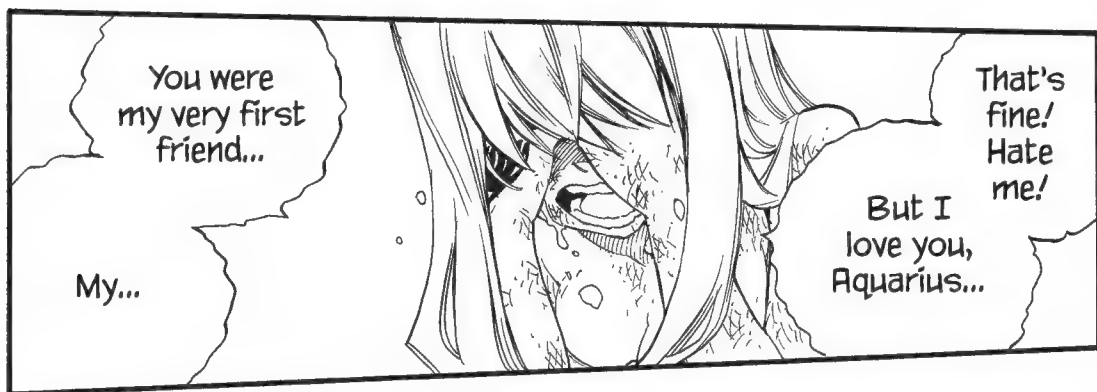
It'd be a
relief for
me!

I couldn't
bear that...





...I've hated
the very
thought of
you!

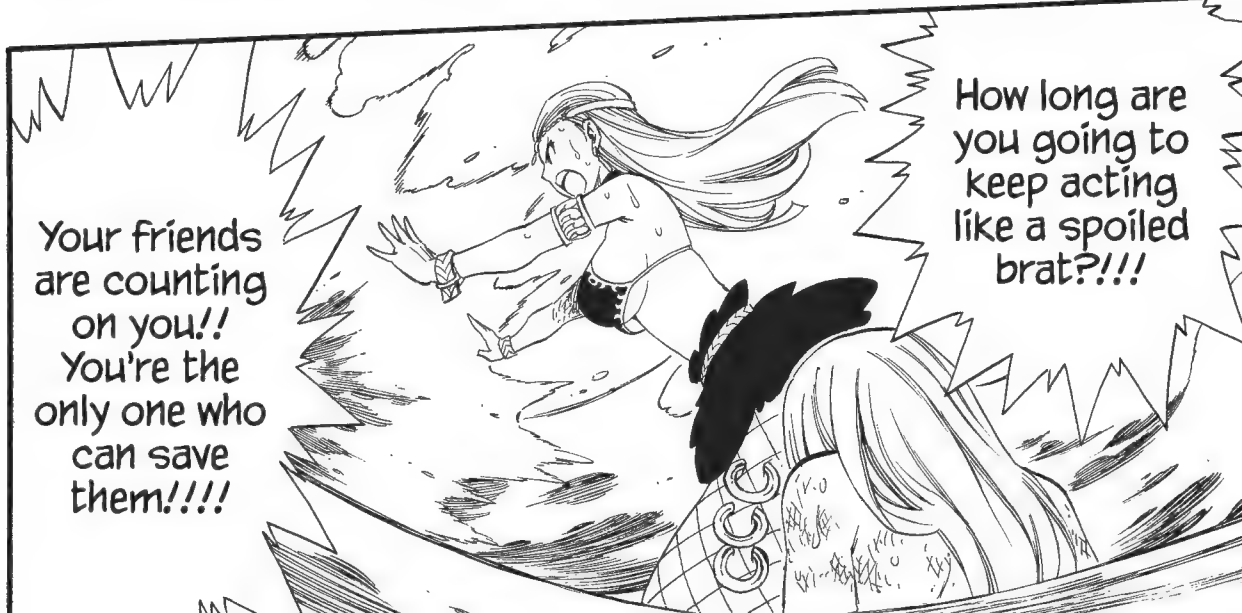


You were
my very first
friend...

My...

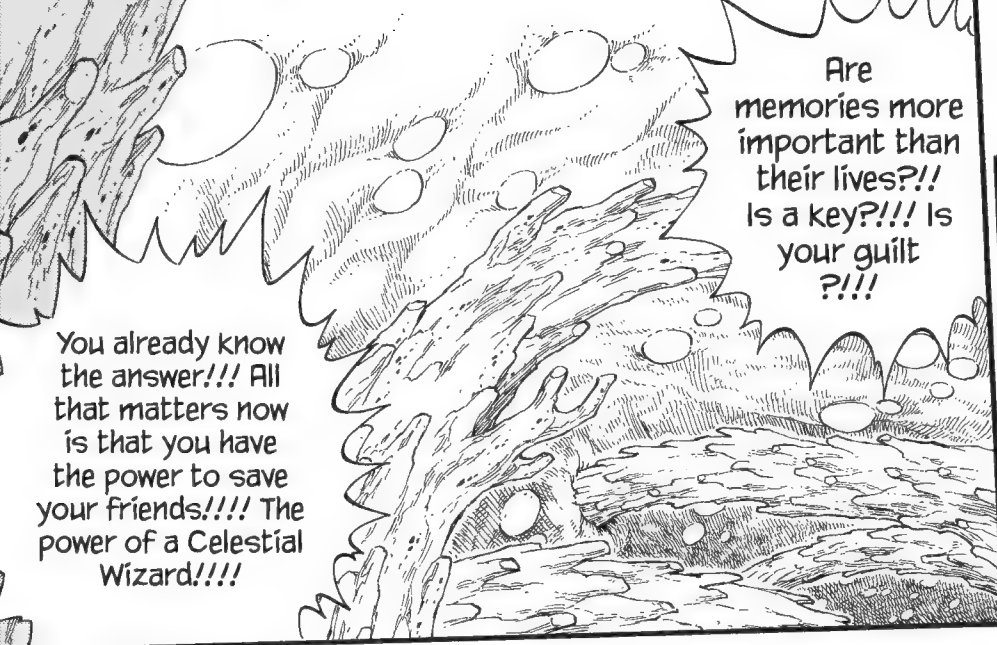
That's
fine!
Hate
me!

But I
love you,
Aquarius...



Your friends
are counting
on you!!
You're the
only one who
can save
them!!!!

How long are
you going to
keep acting
like a spoiled
brat?!!!

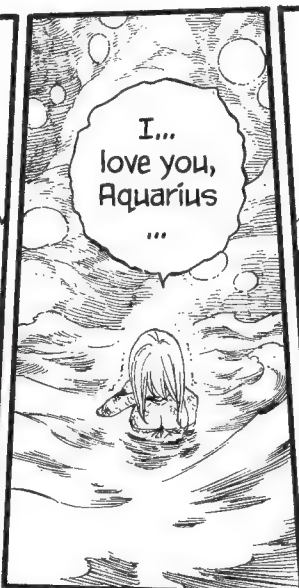


You already know
the answer!!! All
that matters now
is that you have
the power to save
your friends!!!! The
power of a Celestial
Wizard!!!!

Are
memories more
important than
their lives?!!
Is a key?!!! Is
your guilt
?!!!



**Do
it!!!!**



I...
love you,
Aquarius
...



Kah ha ha!!!
What're you
two squabbling
about? You're
in range of my
curses now!!!



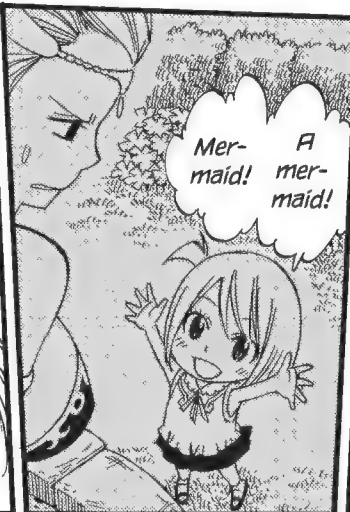
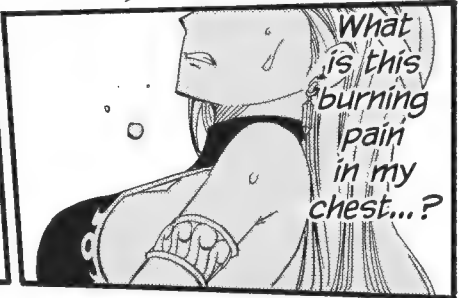
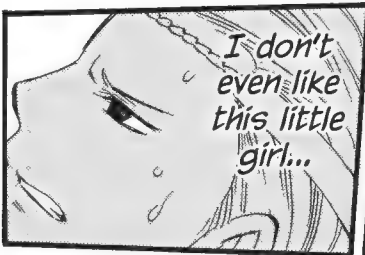
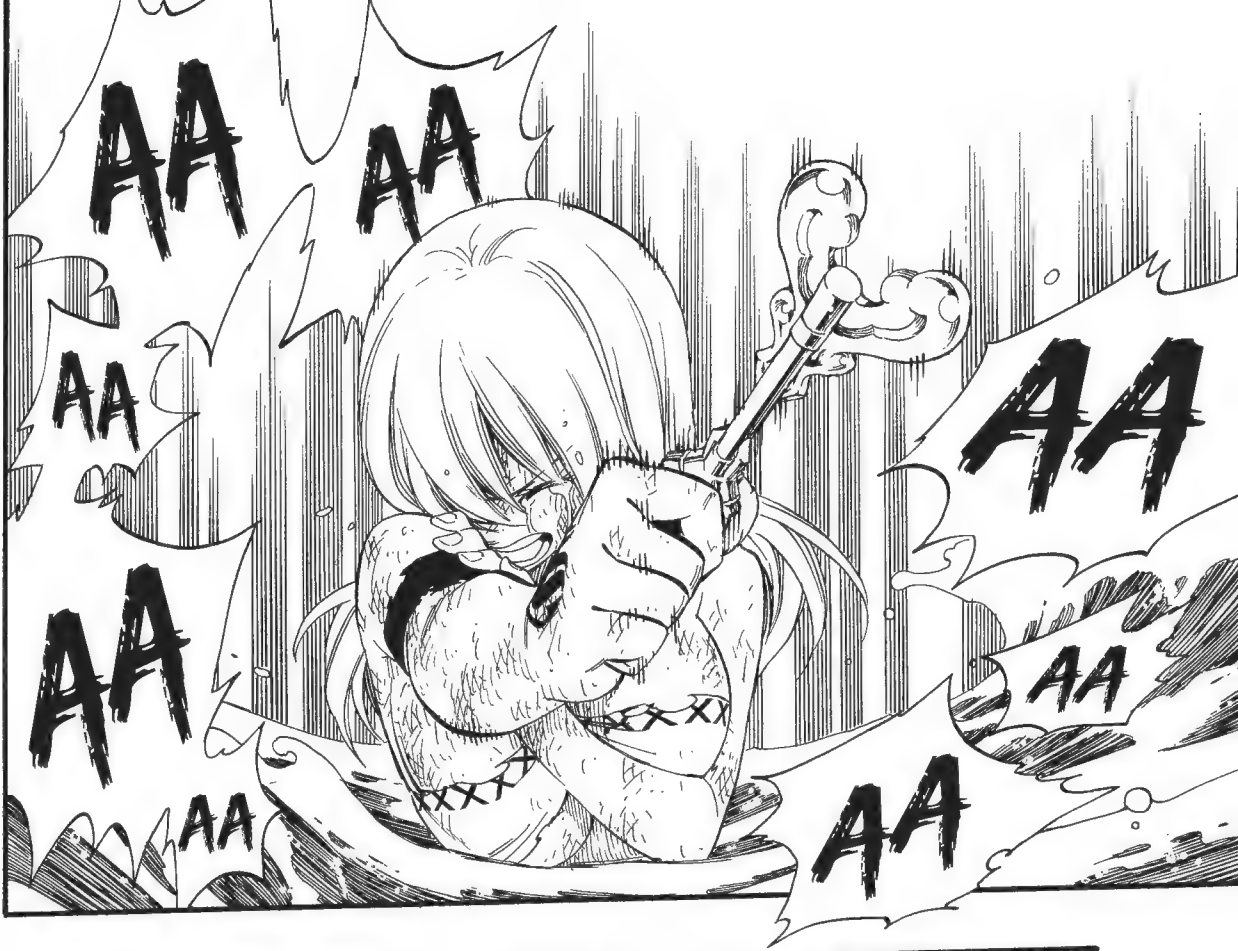
You're
the only one
who can do
this!!!!

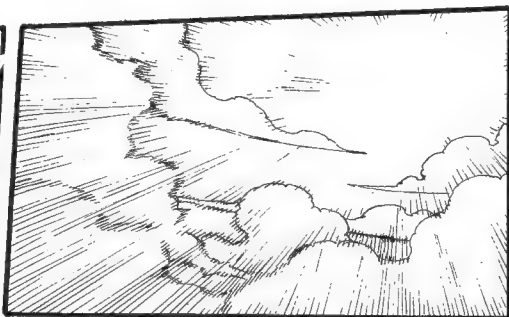
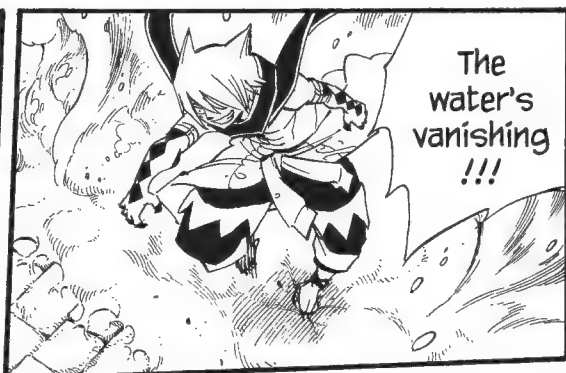
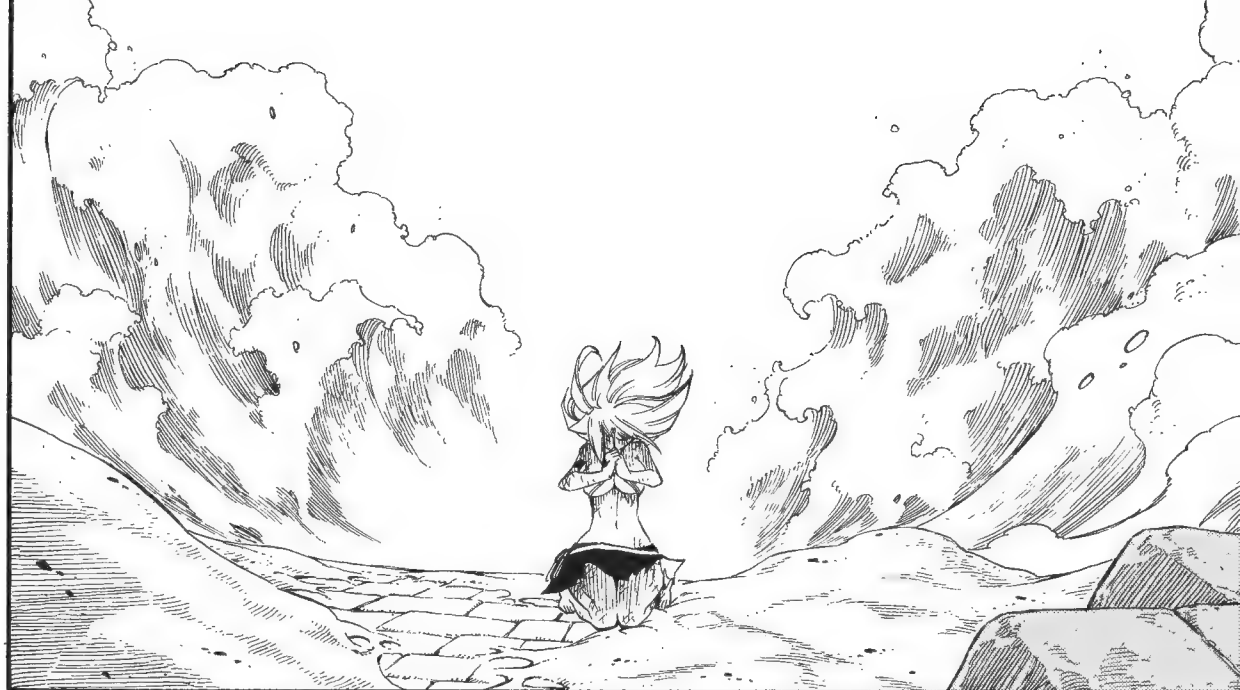


So use it!!!!
Break my
key!!!!



**Lucy
!!!!**







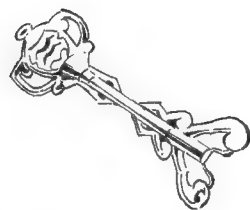




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 FAIRYTAIL

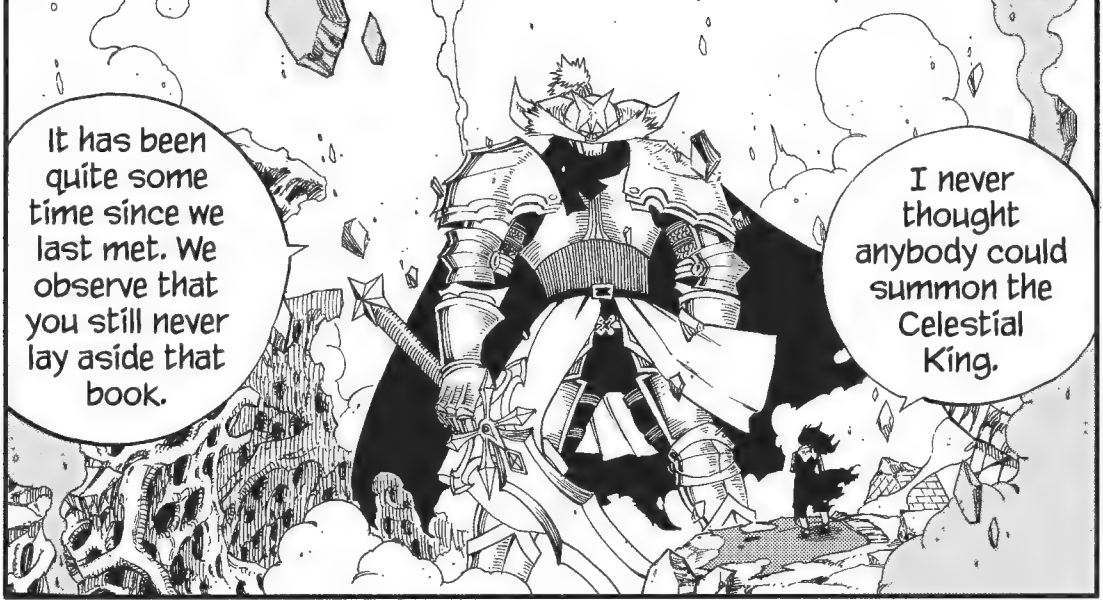
FAIRY TAIL

フェアリーテイル

Chapter 385: The Celestial King vs. the Underworld King







It has been quite some time since we last met. We observe that you still never lay aside that book.

I never thought anybody could summon the Celestial King.

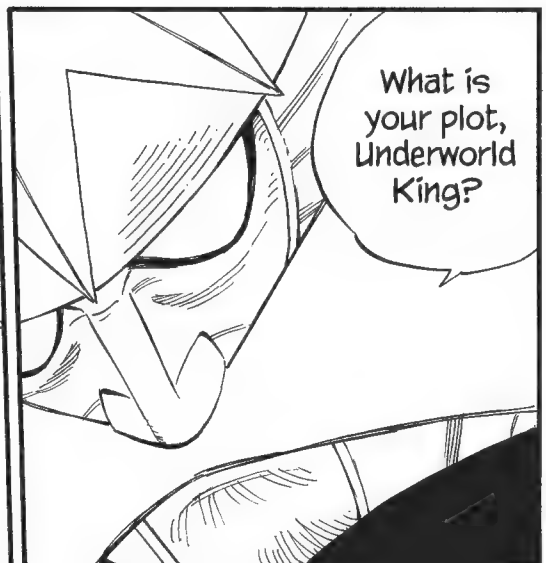


The very essence of Tartaros.

This is the soul of END.



Haven't you worked it out already? We will revive END and return to Zeref.



What is your plot, Underworld King?



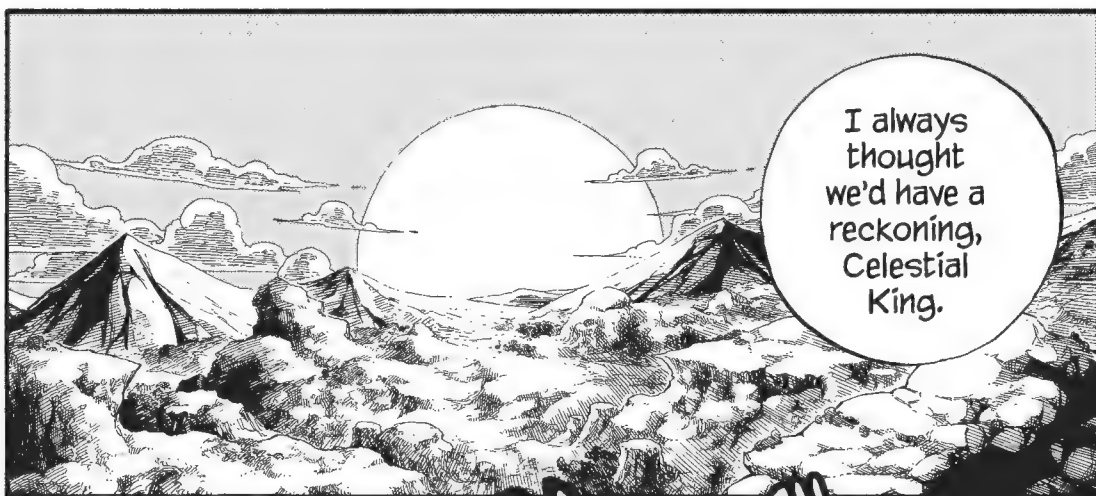
For that,
you draw
tears to our
old friend's
eyes?



Yes.



And for
that purpose,
you wound our
old friend to
the point of
collapse?



I always
thought
we'd have a
reckoning,
Celestial
King.



Do your
worst.



...we shall
now drive
out her
enemies!

Bound by our
old friend's
determination
...



**We
hereby**

...

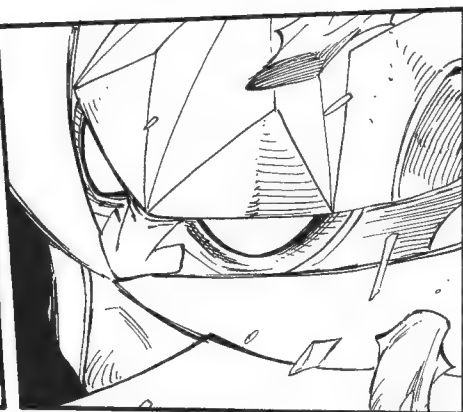
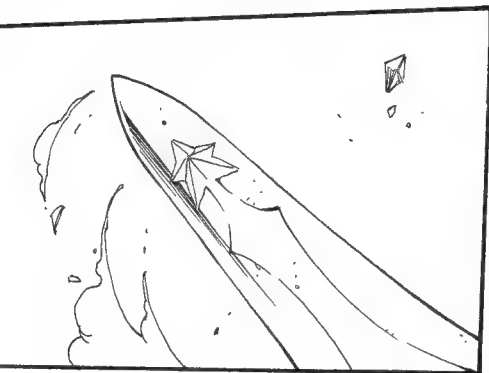
...
**revoke
your
right to
exist
!!!!**

KO!



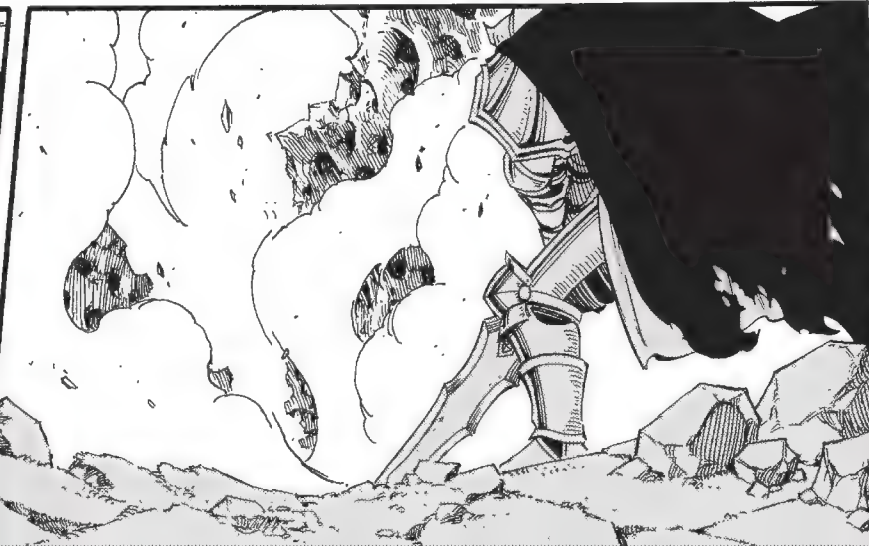








I
expected
nothing
less.



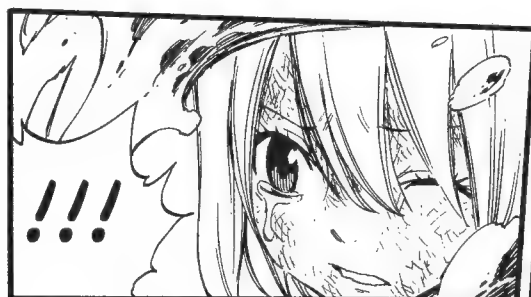
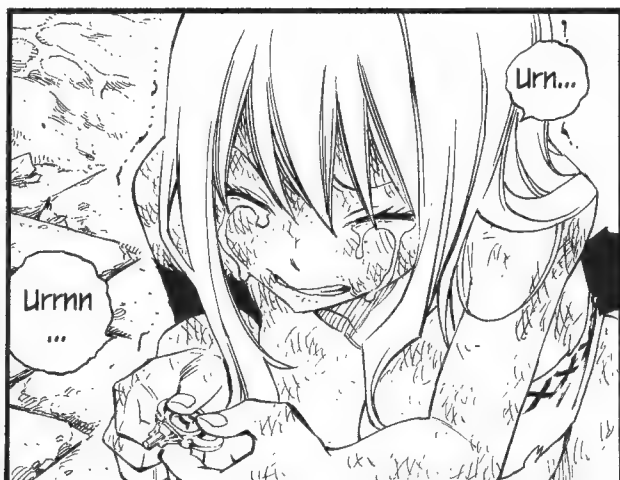


Tsk!



Tell me
what you
did!!!







BOOOOM

*Right
!!!!*





May the
stars guide
you.



*You too,
Aquarius...*

*Thank
you for
all these
years...*



**Dammit
!!!!**



**Thank
you!!!**



**Die, die,
die!!! I'm
gonna blow
you to
pieces!!!**

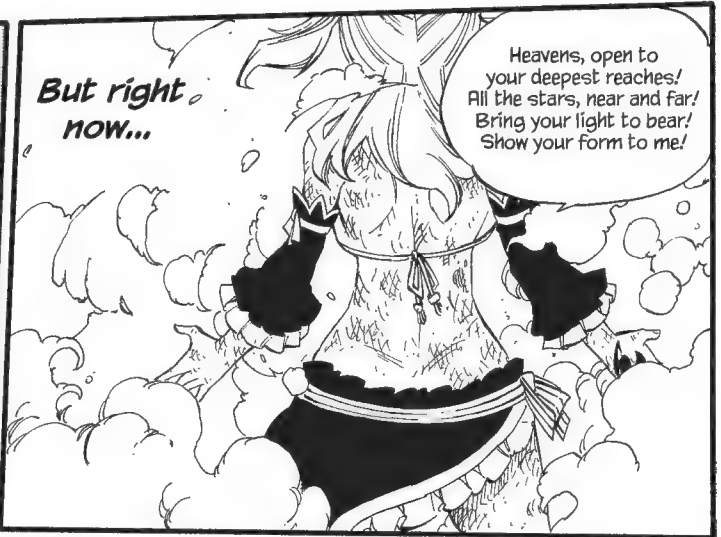


*I can cry
whenever
I need to.*



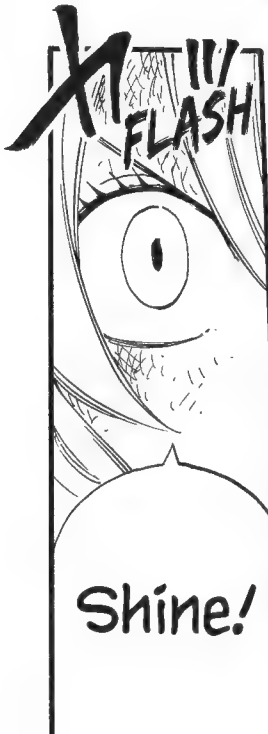
*...I'm
going to
fight and
save my
friends!!!!*

*I invoke Tetrabiblos/
I command the stars!
The aspects have
perfectly aligned!
Open the gates of
vengeance!*



*But right
now...*

*Heavens, open to
your deepest reaches!
All the stars, near and far!
Bring your light to bear!
Show your form to me!*



Shine!



*All 88
stellar
regions
of the
Heavens...*

KEEEEEEN



URANO
METORIA

!!!!!!



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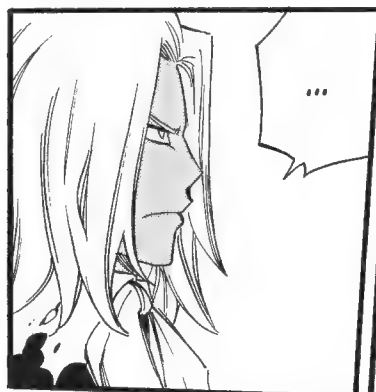
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Chapter 386: Galaxia Blade





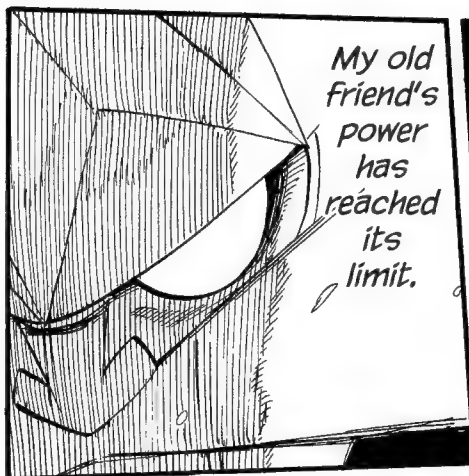


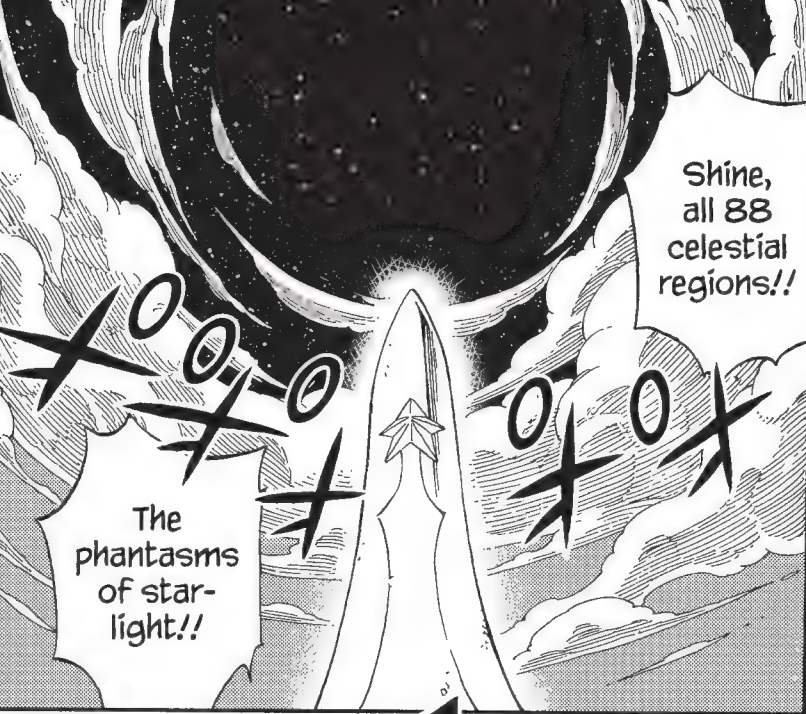
Did that
human
girl take
him
down?



Jackal's
curse
power just
vanished
?!

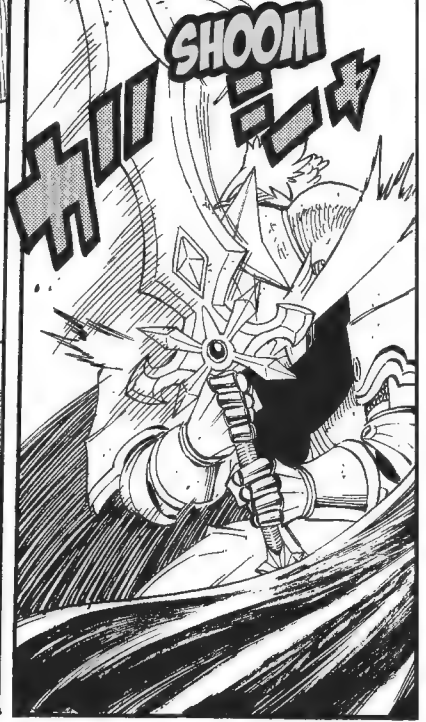






Shine,
all 88
celestial
regions!!

The
phantasms
of star-
light!!



SHOOM



GALAXIA
BLAAAADE
!!!!

BOOM

An
attack
from all
sides?!!



Kh!

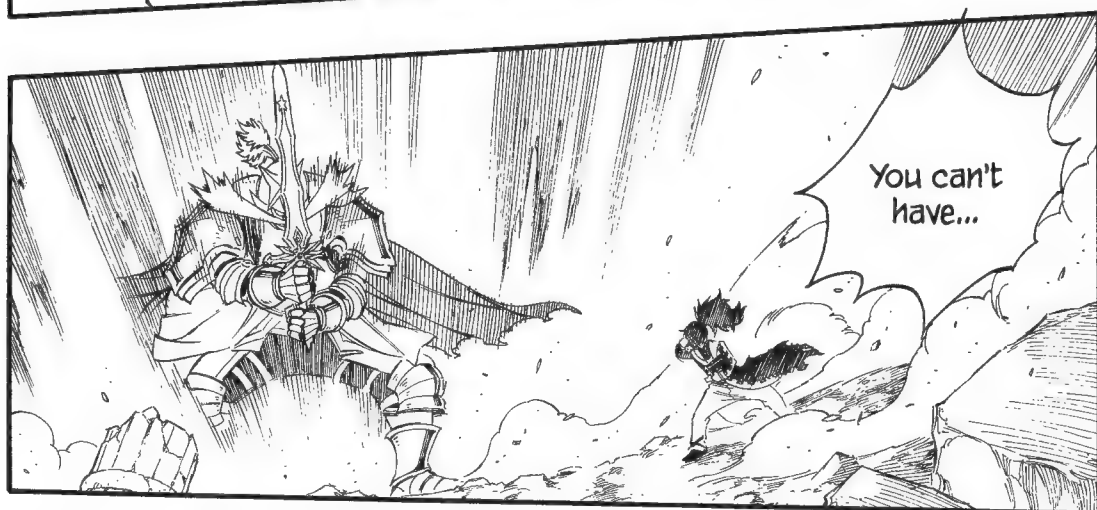
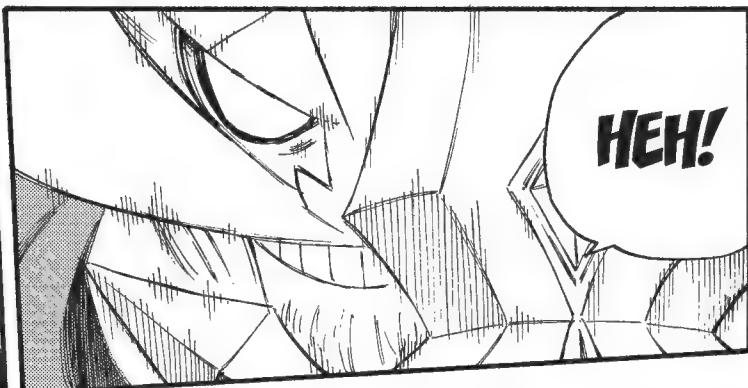


ZHOO OON





You intend
to kill even
the one who
summoned
you?

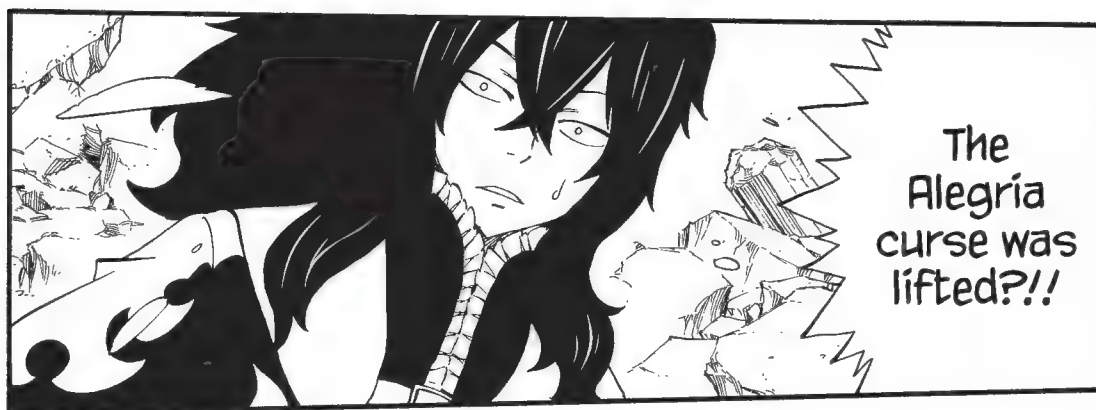


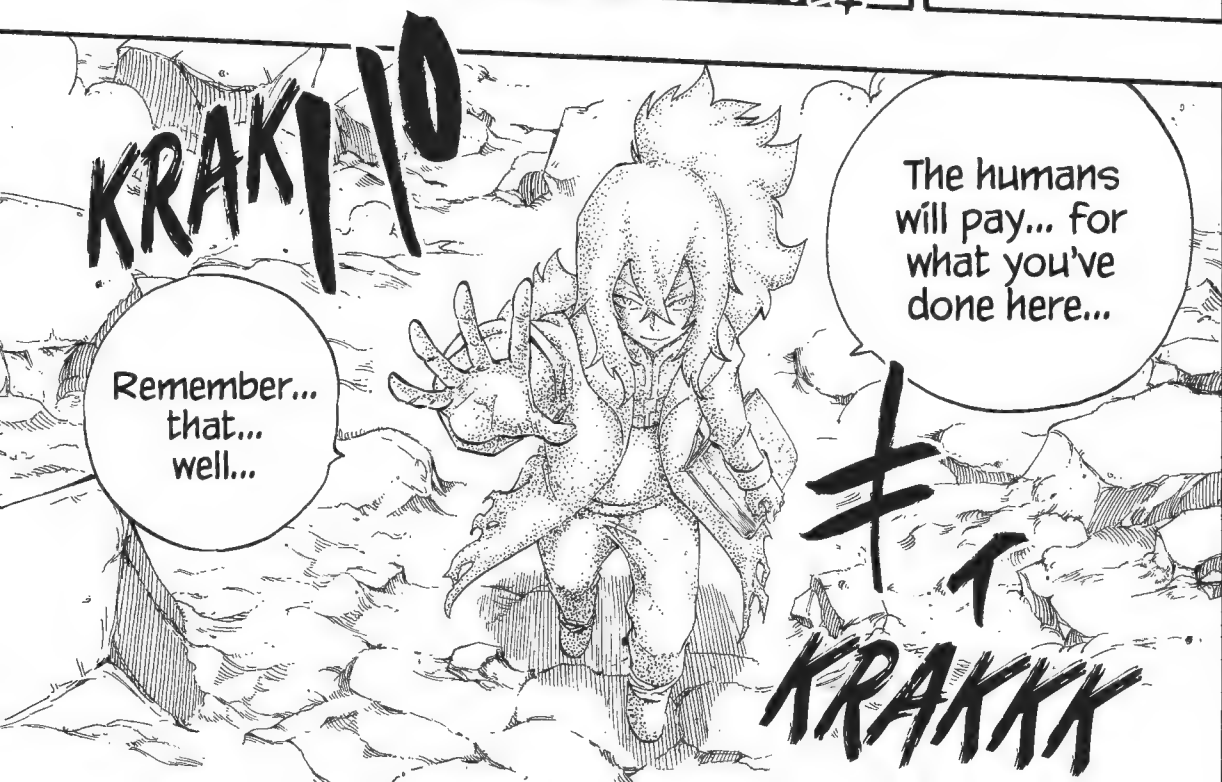




...
Erza
!!!!

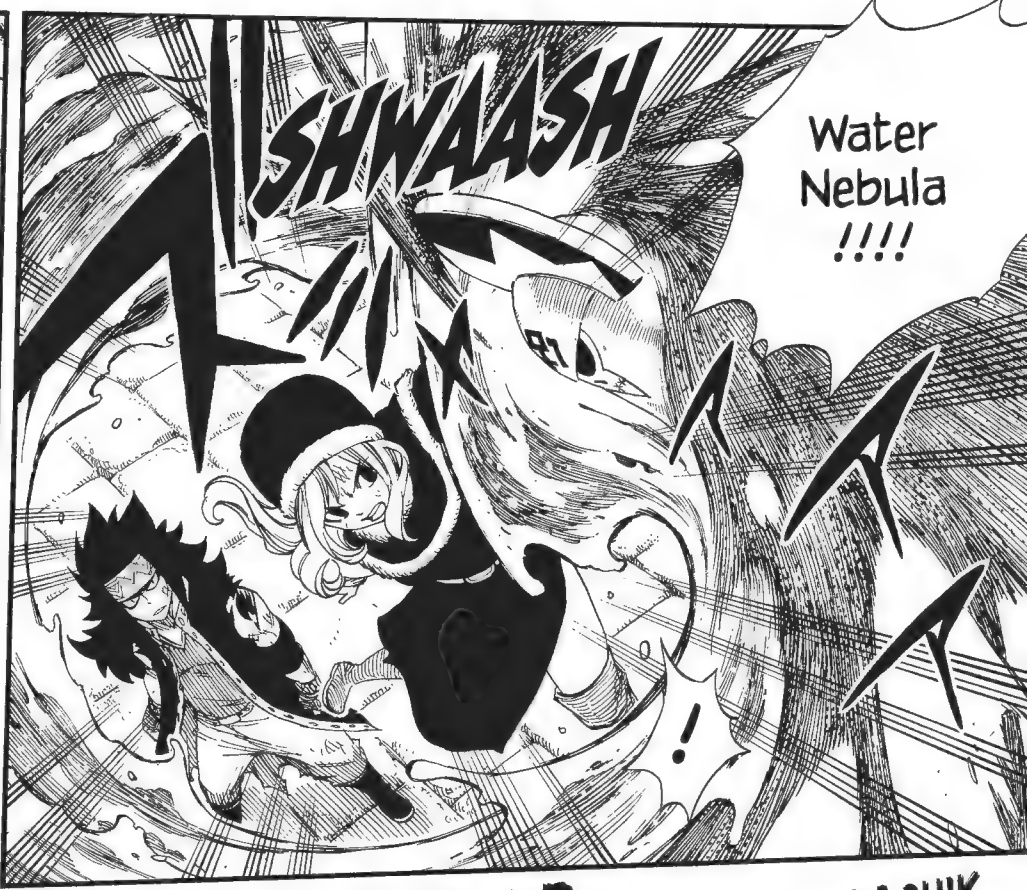
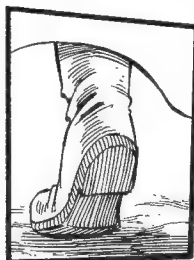
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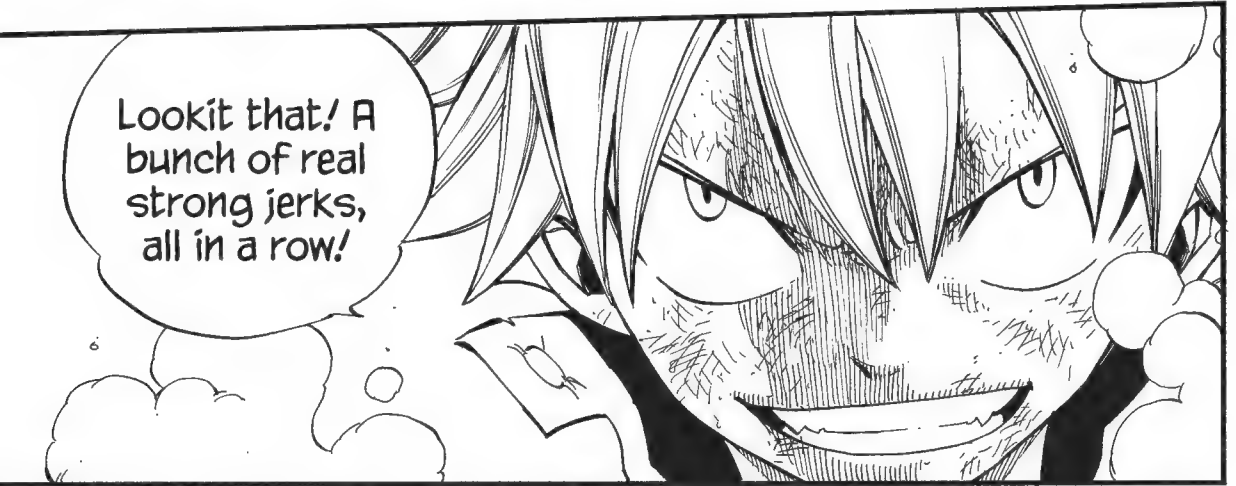




I think
you did,
anyway.

Don't know
what ya did,
but you saved
us, Lucy!

Lookit that! A
bunch of real
strong jerks,
all in a row!





**NOW I'M
ALL FIRED
UP!!!!**

BOOM

TO BE CONTINUED

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Afterword

The method of summoning the Celestial King was a plot point I had been thinking about for a long time, and I kept wondering, "When can I use it?" "When can I use it?!" But the price that Lucy had to pay to summon him was an idea I had almost directly before I drew it. But when I consider whose key to sacrifice, it came down to only one choice. It was precisely because Lucy loves the character Aquarius so much that made it particularly sad. But I'd like to think that they aren't parted forever. Also the story of Mirajane, Elfman and Lisanna's past was something I thought up a very long time ago, but the chance to tell it just never seemed right. And when a perfect chance came along this time, I was so happy! I remember when Mira used the Macro on Elfman, and he suddenly appeared, my editor complained, "What is he, a robot?!!"

In the next volume is a story that I'm sure a lot of people are waiting for. The story of Silver. It's a sad story too, I'm afraid, but I hope you'll be anxiously awaiting it anyway.

By the way, it seems that one of the main villains of the story this time, Jackal, has unexpectedly become pretty popular. He's an awful guy though. (laughs) Also, Jackal's character calls for a half-baked Osaka-area accent, so I had a tough time trying to get the words he uses right. I'm not from the Osaka area myself, but it's a lot easier to write full-on Osaka-area accents. Hm...

フェアリーテイル 45

Rejected Natsu

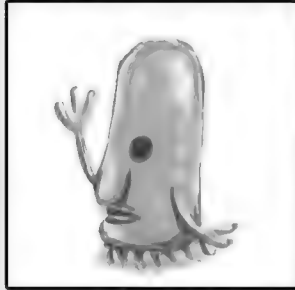


HIRO 真島ヒロ MASHIMA

Rejected
Rough Sketch



FROM HIRO NASHIMA



I went to a signing event in Hokkaido!!
It sure was a lot of fun. When a
Japanese guy thinks of Hokkaido, his
mind conjures up images of delicious
food, and although I was there only
a short time, I managed to eat some
sushi and ramen. The fans also gave
me lots of presents. Thank you so
much! I'll visit you again, Hokkaido!!

Translation Notes:

Japanese is a tricky language for most Westerners, and translation is often more art than science. For your edification and reading pleasure, here are notes on some of the places where we could have gone in a different direction with our translation of the work, or where a Japanese cultural reference is used.

Page 41,

Sytry

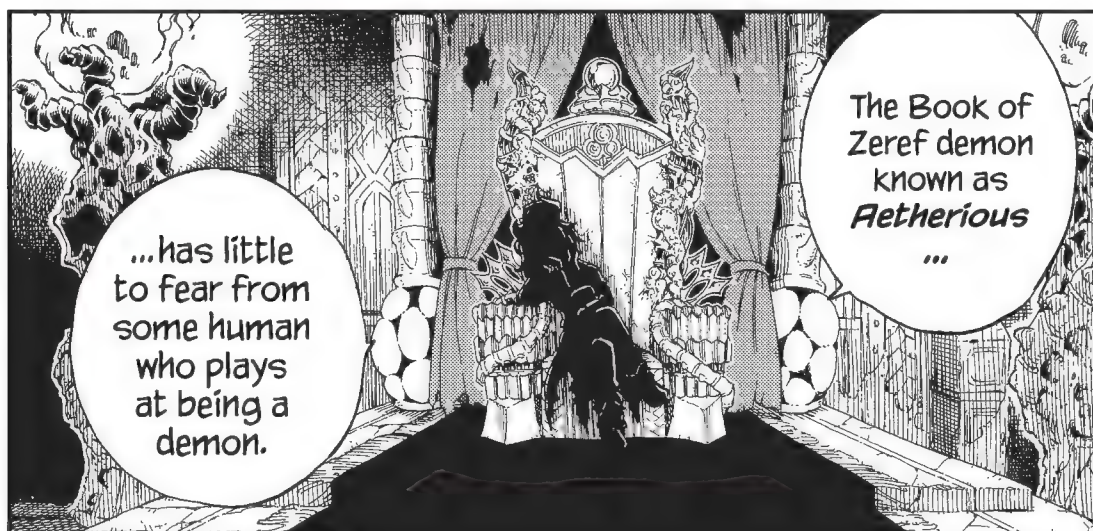
Sytry (or Prince Sitri) is a demon from the *Ars Goetia*, the first book of the spell book, *The Lesser Key of Solomon*, which is a book of sorcery compiled in the 1600s that allegedly gets its power by manipulating demons. The demon Sytry causes men to love women or vice versa and even strip themselves naked.



Page 47,

Aetherious

There are a lot of meanings for this word, but the one that Hiro Mashima seems to be referencing the most is mythological idea of Aether, which means the "upper atmosphere" but also refers to air the Gods breathe. Aether is, in itself, a Greek God. As an avid game player, Mashima might have gotten his introduction to Aetherious from the action game, *The Elder Scrolls* (or some similar game) where Aetherious is the realm from which divine and powerful beings come.



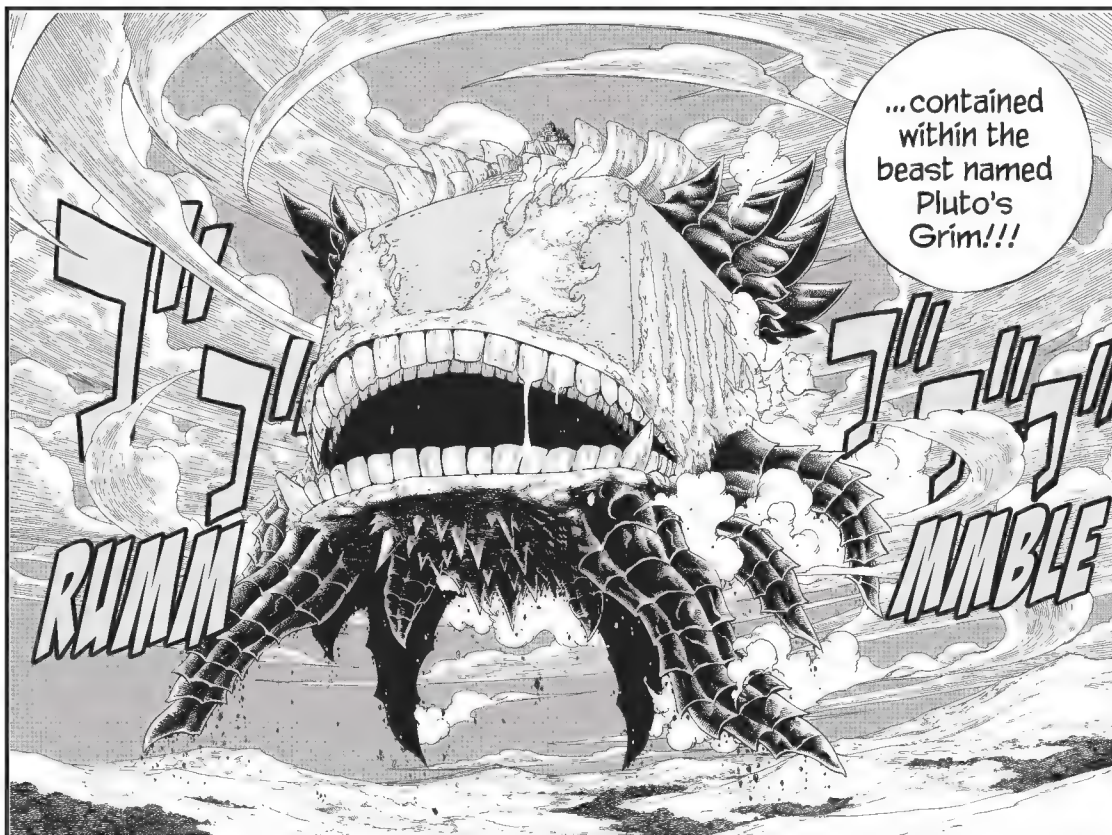
Page 48, Mard Geer

The Mard Geer is a polearm weapon from India in the 16th-18th centuries. It had a regular spear-like spike, but it also had a hooked piece for use by infantry to use against cavalry. The infantryman would try to pull a cavalryman from his horse with the hook and then spear him with the spear section. Several games include a weapon called Mard Geer, although it seems to be a different weapon than the historical Indian polearm. Perhaps one of those games is where Hiro Mashima heard of it.



Page 90, Pluto's Grim

Mard Geer calls himself the Underworld King, and in Greco-Roman mythology, there is also a god of the Underworld known as Hades in Greece and as Pluto in Rome. In Greco-Roman mythology, the underworld was not necessarily a place of torture, but rather simply a place where dead souls go. Note that Pluto, now a "dwarf planet," was named after the Roman God, and Mickey Mouse's dog, Pluto, who was created about the time the ex-planet Pluto was discovered, was named after the planet.



Page 165, Lucy's Incantation

As happens sometimes in the translation of a long series, later facts can prove an earlier translation wrong. In volume 18, Lucy says the same incantation, but to show that she is not doing it consciously, the far-right and far-left sides of the incantation were cut off by the word balloons. So I was translating from incomplete text. Now with the complete text, I can retranslate it so it says what it really means. I can only apologize to those with earlier printings of Volume 18, and hope you understand.

Page 165, Tetrabiblos

As mentioned in the notes for Volume 18, Claudius Ptolemy wrote a four-part series of books describing the heavens called the *Tetrabiblos*, The Four Books. One of the most important works of ancient astrology, the *Tetrabiblos* describes the constellations of the zodiac and their astrological influence on the world.



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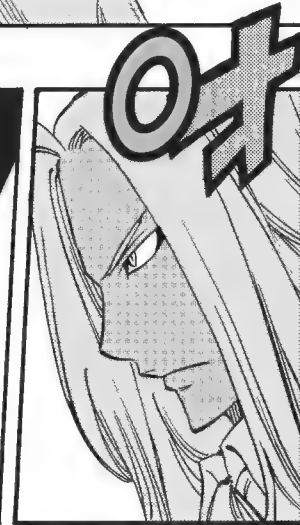
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Chapter 387: Tartaros Arc, Part Four: Father and Son



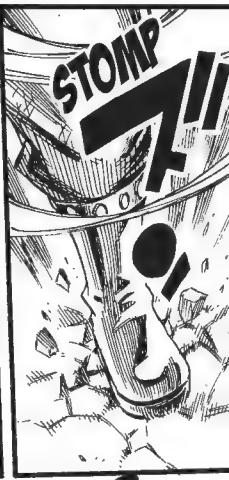




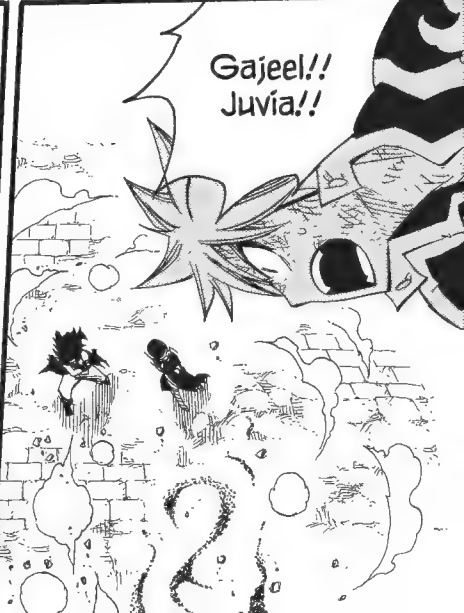


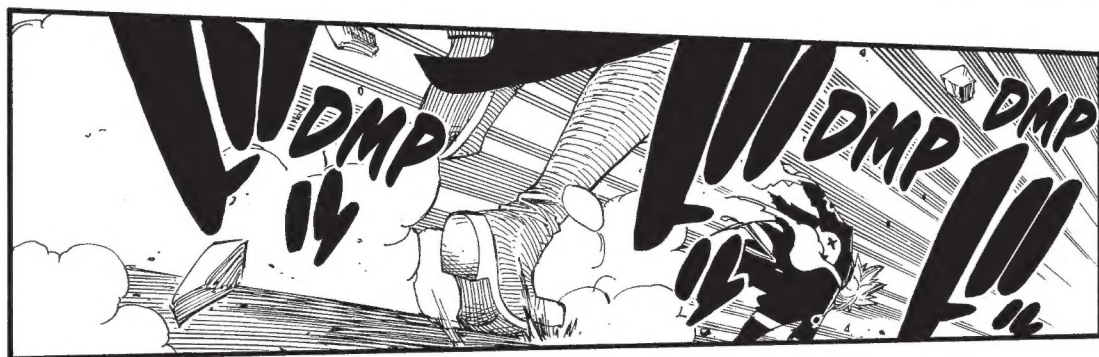


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